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May 15, 1942

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The Secretary of the Interior

My dear Mr. Secretary:

There are transmitted herewith the papers involving the request of Albert Kulowiyi (Esquimau), Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Savoonga, Alaska, that a tract be set aside for a new Presbyterian Church at Savoonga, Alaska. The request is also signed by certain other individuals interested in the erection of the church.

The town in located on St. Lawrence Island which was set aside as a Reindeer Reserve. The area needed for the church site is shown on the plat included in the attached file. The Presbyterian Church is the only church which has operated in the village. Concurring with the recommendation of the Acting General Superintendent Fred R. Geeslin it is requested that authority be granted the Presbyterian Church for the temporary use and occupancy of the tract needed for the church site as set out on the enclosed plat with the understanding that no right, title or interest in the land so set apart shall in any way vest in the Presbyterian Church or any of its representatives or in any one else against the United States, other than the right of temporary use and occupancy for church purposes.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Walter V. Woehlke
Assistant to the Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

APPROVED, as recommended

(Sgd) Oscar L. Chapman
Assistant Secretary

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Alaska Indian Service
Juneau, Alaska
June 11, 1942

Mr. Howard M. Cameron
Indian Service Teacher
Savoonga, Alaska

Dear Mr. Cameron:

I am enclosing a copy of Indian Office letter dated May 15, approved May 23 by Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, granting to the Presbyterian Church authority for the temporary use and occupancy of the tract needed for the church site as set out in the plat forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at the time we recommended approval. Please note that this authority is granted to cover the location designated on the plat furnished by Anna Martin, Missionary, Albert Kulowiyi, Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Alfred Tambloo, Village Council, and Howard M. Cameron, Teacher, with one exception which is that the church site may not be located closer than 140 feet from the school shed which is directly north of the proposed church site.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the persons noted below in order that they may proceed with the construction of their church accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Claude M. Hirst
General Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Albert Kulowiyi

Rev. John H. Youel
Fairbanks

Savoonga, Alaska

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Prattsburg, N. Y.,
September 30, 1942

Alaska Indian Service
Mr. Claude M. Hirst, Gen. Supt.,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

A copy of Indian Office letter dated May 15, approved May 23 by Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, granting to the Presbyterian Church authority for the temporary use and occupancy of the tract needed for the church site as set out in the plat forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian affairs, has been received by me here, after being forwarded from Fairbanks, Alaska, my former residence.

COPY

Thank you for this letter, which I am sending on to our Board of National Missions, Dr. Everett B. King, Director of Unit of Alaska Work, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, for information and filing. It is probable that the erection of a church building will be undertaken as soon as possible after favorable conditions are again realized.

Yours very truly,

Rev. John E. Youel

Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.

sent by Champlin via airmail 4/25/44 - 10¢ postage from Savoonga
MAY 1 1944

Savoonga, Alaska
March 21, 1944

Yellow Pkg

Dear Rev. Champlin,

At one of our session meetings, the officers of the Savoonga Church asked me to write for plans for a church building appropriate for our needs and locality. They would like to have a sketch of the outside of such a building as well as a plot of the floor. Ceilings should be lower than good architecture would dictate, because of heat conservation, - a big item.

attached ← I am submitting a plan of my own that I have been thinking over ever since I inspected the three churches in Palmer. If you have seen all three of the Palmer church buildings, you will probably agree with ~~me~~ me that the Presbyterian Church is too big for the community and too hard to heat. The Lutheran Church there is more what we need, easier to heat and all, but has too much super-structure for us. We want ours to look nice but more like a little chapel. Maybe local stone could be used for lower part, ~~walls~~ walls, but we have no stone masons.

Two years ago, Miss Bannon and I worked out some plans and sent them to the New York office. At Miss Bannon's insistence, I plotted the building with living quarters for the missionary upstairs. The more I think of that arrangement the less I like it. We have to tote all of our coal and water in sacks or buckets; and stair climbing is hard on any one, especially with a load to carry. Snow-drifts have to be dug out anyway and as deep snow was the argument for an up stairs arrangement, I think the advantages of the down-stairs plan out-weigh that point.

We want to be all set for when the war is over, — all preliminary writing out of the way, all questions answered. Savoonga village is built on low, soggy ground, so that has to be considered. Material may have a chance to get here any time in July, August, or September, or maybe only once throughout a whole summer. Absolutely everything would have to be sent in well in advance to any

crew of workers. One man or maybe two men to supervise the building operations would be enough with our men to work. These Eskimos are good with hammer and saw but need some one to boss them, if time is any object. I think they could do all the work, if they were not so prone to waste time in talk. Their talk would largely be about whose way was the best way, and endless arguments would slow up the process.

Anyhow, we need a building! All I have is a rented one-room house that measures 13½ ft. by 15½ ft. ~~By the~~ A little storm shed gives it 6½ ft. more in length, so the outside looks a little bigger. By the time I get a cot, a kitchen range, two small tables, a cupboard, radio, one rocking chair and three folding chairs spaced around the walls, there is not much room for the numerous folks that come for one reason or another. (I have had 18 grown-ups (and ~~the~~ again 30 children) in there at one time.) We certainly need a church, so I guess it is reasonable to plan for one and go on faith, for material. Sincerely; Anna Martin

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Suggested Plans for Savoonga Presbyterian Church on St. Lawrence Island Alaska.

Note:

Two years ago plans were submitted as suggestions for the sort of church we need, here at Savoonga. Time and much thought has brought about new ideas, with a marked change. Living quarters must be down stairs, at all hazards. Keep the building small enough to heat economically + to stand up on a spongy, soft ground surface, without tipping. A. Martin.

Each square represents one foot

N.E. ↑ (to creek)

Note: Village is not laid out to the points of the compass!

→ W. S.

shelves
sink
cupboards above + below
Living Room
kitchen range
chimney
ironing board built in
bath tub
table height
water drum
ventilator
Entrance
bed
dresser
Closet and trunk room
coal (lid)
coal (lid)
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organ
pulpit
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railing
railing
Step
communion table
double doors
S.S. Room, and Club Room
curtain
pews
pews
heater
heater
chimney
Church Plans
Savoonga
St. Lawrence
Alaska
Store Room
Storm Entry
(important)
Entrance steps
to village
N.W. ← to Bering Sea.
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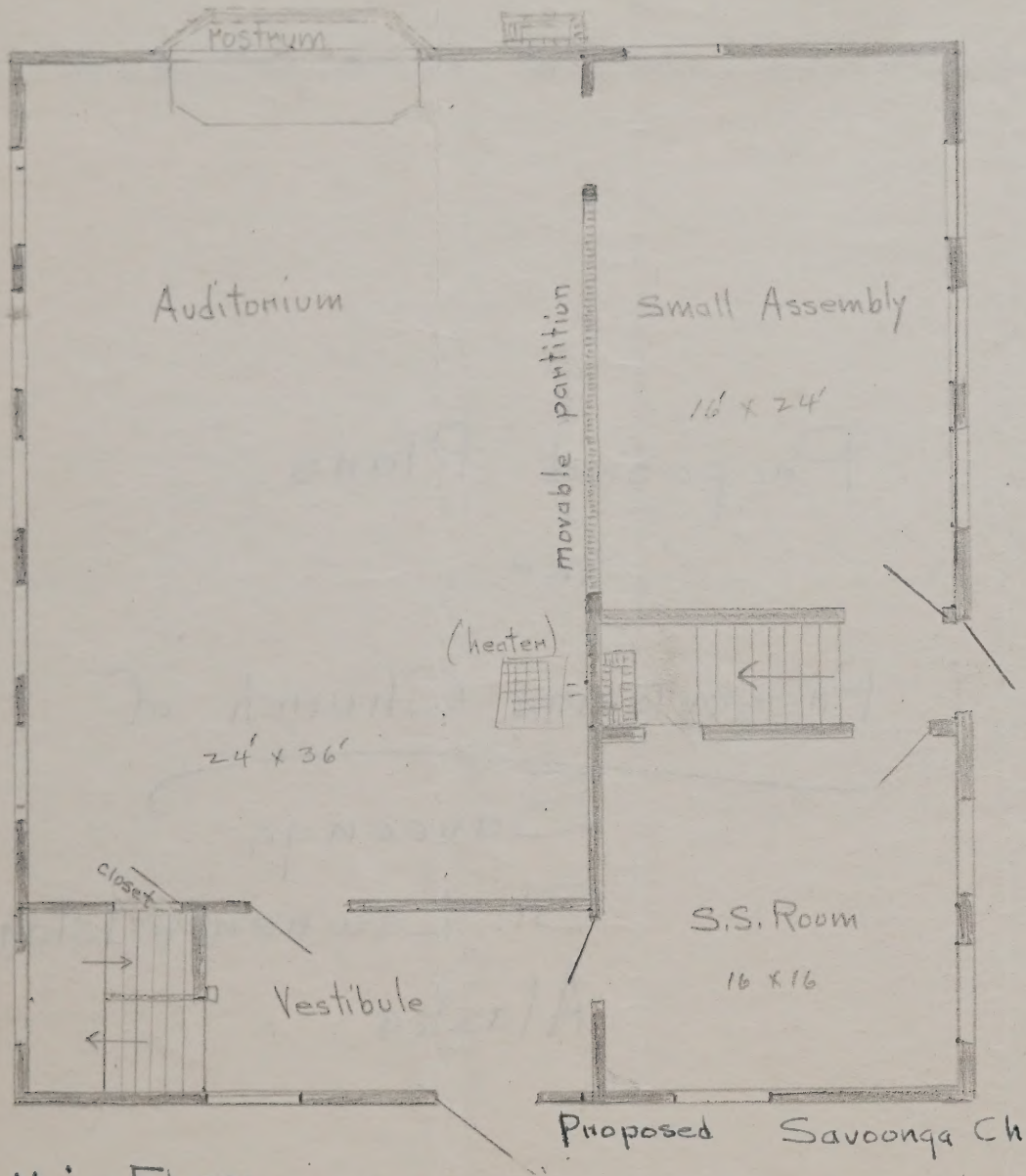

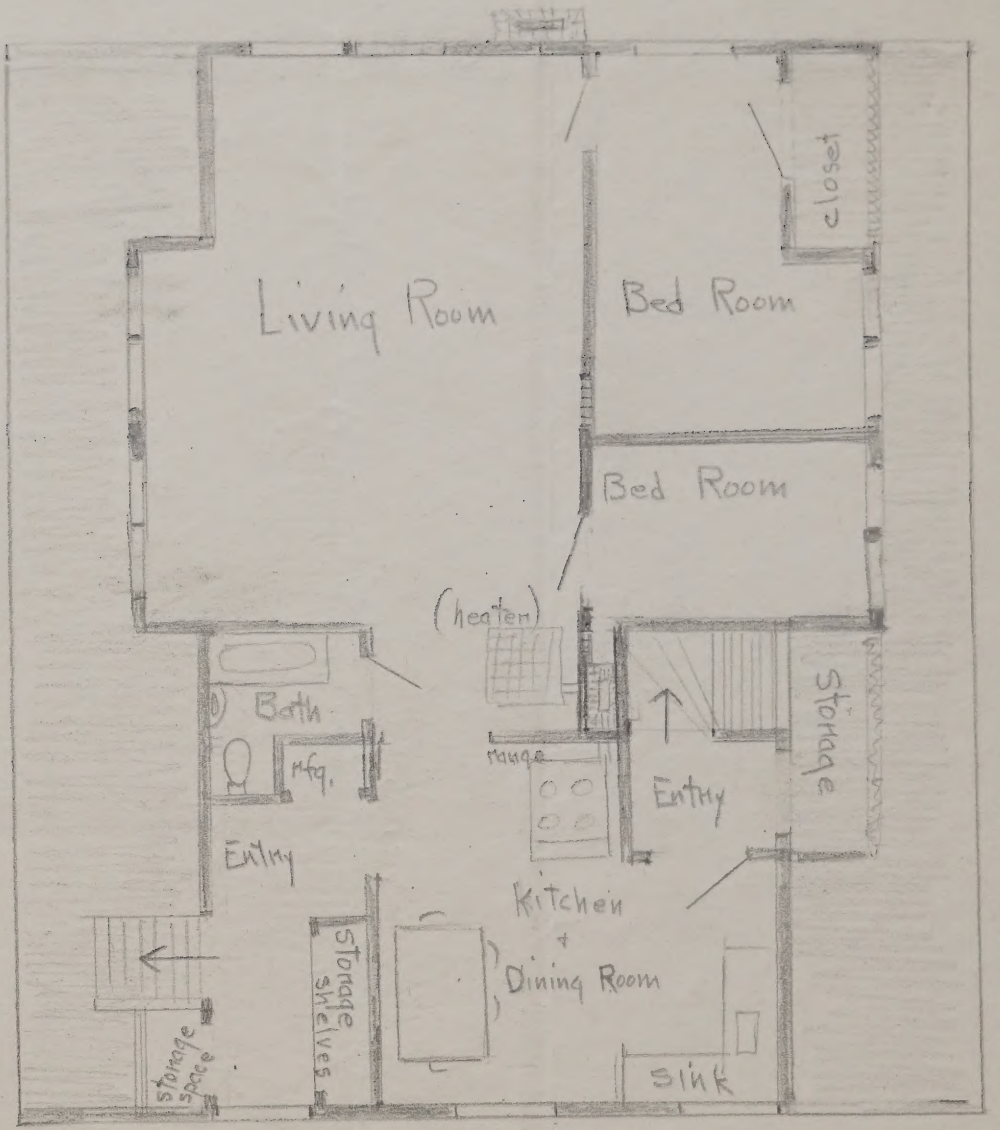

Proposed Savoonga Church Plans

Main Floor:

A large vestibule or storm entrance is necessary in a snowy country.

If a movable partition is built, then the building can be kept smaller, as winter attendance gets below fifty when families leave Savoonga. (Extra chimney may be necessary.)

Second Floor:

Alaska style, in far North, is to enter a home through the kitchen. Reasons against this idea, just don't count.

There is need for plenty of storage space. Built-in cupboards should be many and generous in size. (Bath near heater!)

October 25, 1944

Memorandum
To - - Dr. A. B. Keeler
From - The Rev. J. Earl Jackman

Several years ago Miss Ann Bannan was responsible for the development of Christian work in the two Eskimo villages of Gambell and Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. There are two organized Presbyterian churches there. We have a church building in Gambell which was repaired and is now being used but we have no church building at Savoonga. The congregation under the guidance of a woman worker is worshipping in an attic and we must provide for them a House of Worship as soon as priorities on materials have lifted sufficiently to be able to build a Church.

There are two possibilities. One is that we shall purchase the lumber and mill work on the outside according to the plans of architecture and ship it in during the summer for the building of the Church. The other possibility is that we might use native stone which is on the Island in abundance but would have to be quarried. The report has come to us that the latter plan will require the use of a tractor during the time of the building. This, of course, would have to be taken in from the outside.

We have not been able to find out, as yet, which plan is more satisfactory and the less expensive. We shall investigate this further but feel that we cannot proceed with this Church building under a minimum of $7500.- It will be necessary for us to have a sanctuary seating about seventy-five people and have attached to the Church the living quarters of the missionary.

If you find in your travels a person who is sensitive to the need of a House of Worship for a group of 200 Eskimos in a village along the Bering Sea and who could make a generous gift to provide a worship & community center for them, we would greatly appreciate it. Whoever does this will perform a deed which will have a permanent influence upon a community which is most valuable.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

File Savoonga Folder

EXCERPT from The Rev. Mr. Bingle's letter of November 28, 1944:

"I spoke with Rev. Champlin recently about a question I asked of the head of the Alaska Native Territorial Guard, if he would be willing to make a combination of an armory and a church at Savoonga, he furnishing the building and we help put it up. This was just to be a temporary arrangement till we could get a church building up. It was O.K. with him but never heard from him again. He has a good guard unit there. This subject I know belongs to the Chairman of National Missions of the Presbytery and I have no right to speak about it except thru Anna Martin and Rev. Champlin. But I assume Harry will have by this time repeated my words to you about the matter and I thought you should know that army quansits and other buildings may be available at some short future date in case you are interested. I too need to report to you what I said to the major. I am Chaplain of the Native Guard, at large, amd I thought since I was in conference with the Major I better sound him out on a matter that I feel might be a port in a storm for us, just in case a teacher would come along over there that would not want us to use the school and the war held out and we could not build for some time."

TO BE USED EVERY MONTH, and enclosed with the Monthly Report to Everett B. King, Secretary for Sunday School Missions

SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

MAR 7 1945

Of Anna J Martin, Savoonga, Alaska Sunday School Missionary

Date Feb. 8th, 1945

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Dear Mr. Jackman

Since writing the report dated Feb. 2nd, your letter dated Jan. 9th has arrived. I am glad you have someone in mind for the mission here and will proceed to make a few suggestions in her behalf.

In regard to food supplies perhaps the inclosed list will be sort of a "starter" in the ordering for another year. There are many discrepancies, as I simply took what I could get from the nurse who was leaving. It is nice to have fruit juices, or at least some powdered lemon, to help disguise the drinking water, but I suppose these items will be hard to get this year. And, by the way, it is well to have plenty of gauze with which to strain extraneous material out of the drinking water before it is boiled for use. Yard-wide gauze used in hospitals + put up in roll form is compact + convenient.

Other things are really needed here for comfort. An oil-burning range, for instance, would save a lot of time and energy. Keeping a fire in a coal-burning range is quite a chore and not enough heat is obtained for the really cold + windy weather. The "church" needs an oil heater too. Then, of course, there will have to be fuel oil to keep both stoves supplied. Otherwise 10 or 12 tons of coal are required. Church members have been donating coal for the "church", - our attic room that lets the heat escape as fast as it can be generated.

A day bed would make a great difference in comfort and also in the appearance of the room for the missionary. The cot I use sags and the two little pads that pass for mattresses are poor excuses. If no bed or couch can be obtained, at least try to get some sort of mattress with springs, - 7 ft. x 3 ft. And while purchasing, try to get a couple of good pillows.

A set of dishes, not a complete dinner set, but a luncheon type, would be appreciated no doubt by whoever comes. I have 3 plates, 3 saucers, 3 cups, 2 small jelly glasses and 1/2 doz. salad plates. There is no sugar bowl or water pitcher. Baking utensils are scarce too. My frying pan is the tinny variety that hits the stove in one place

and nuts quickly. An iron or pyrex frying pan would help a lot. There is a good Duch oven, a Grunwold make for which I have been very thankful. However the only can opener is the cheapest sort that leaves a jagged edge and works by the perseverance method. I could not get one in Nome or Anchorage before returning, otherwise would have a better one.

I'll leave some of my household stuff, although it is hardly worth mentioning. The window curtains are plain yellow cheap material, - cheerful but not beautiful. Good material would just be spoiled by the soot & ashes that settle every times that the stove & ~~stove~~ stove pipe are cleaned. The bed spread is nothing much either. The new comer might prefer something entirely different, as indeed I would, however it serves the purpose. Bedding is plentiful such as it is, - mostly heavy, un-washable quilts and double hard-to-wash blankets.

This naturally leads to mentioning tubs & wash boilers. The ones I have been using are rusty and hence risky to use, especially if the clothes are allowed to stand for soaking. Small-sized tubs and a clothes-wringer would be appreciated no doubt as it is hard to wring double blankets, (even though they are not cotton ones) by hand. I have a good shovel, axe and hatchet. However, a meat saw would be a boon. A moose-cow here has to be butcher and the rusty old cross-cut saw I use requires a lot of elbow grease. I have no tea-kettle now, ~~and~~ as mine sprung a leak that my ingenious Eskimo friends say can't be soldered. It was tried by one of the best fixers, to no avail. The only comfortable chair is one Miss Bannon left for the general mission. Of the three iron folding chairs, - one is past fixing and another is in rapid decline. They are old to sit on, too and tilt back too far for comfortable use as dining chairs.

In regard to clothes, please advise my successor to get either rubber coats or shoe pacs large enough to take heavy woolen socks. Slacks or snow-suit pants are essential for warmth & high, cold winds & getting on & off boats without too much contriving. Warm, long-sleeved sweaters and shirts of flannel usually answer most purposes. A leather jacket to keep off rain & a sou'wester hat is good. Dark jeans are good for dog team rides. Our clothing bought in Nome won't shrink as it has already been rain-soaked fully. I hope this will help my successor. My sympathies she will have to settle.

Sincerely, Irene Martin

My personal opinion is that a stout storm-shed should be erected to house all building supplies to be shipped in a year ahead of the actual building. Then you could count on all materials being here by the time your contractor arrived from the Mainland. Otherwise you might be paying $25.00 a day (or whatever) to a man & may-be two men or more who might be waiting for the necessary lumber way-layed at some point en route, - or still worse at Bear Bay. This is a tricky place for landing anything, - absolutely no protection from North, East, or West when the winds blow and they blow most of the time! An adequate storm shed built with the idea of using it later on for isolating the sick in epidemics or for a gymnasium, or simply for storage of oil drums & supplies could be a great good investment, if it had some heating facilities. It could also be used for housing the imported workers on the field during the actual construction. The natives here could need it without supervision.

After all is said for and about building a church in Savoonga, I honestly think that what the Board should consider is re-building or at least re-modeling the mission first living quarters at Gambell. Just how Mr. & Mrs. Parker manage to live in their quarters and stay in good spirits is a mystery. The whole place creaks and groans in the frequent winds & storms. The one bed-room is up-stairs & door is reached by a steep, narrow staircase so small that the bed-stead has to be hoisted up through a window by main force & ingenuousness. Said bed-room has no heat except what floats up from a school room down below, so a double bed has to be placed in the small living room down stairs. The kitchen is a night-mare built on the plan of a swastika with no room for even a small table. It is a mess, - a disgrace to the missionary program of the Presbyterian Church! The auditorium and Sunday School room are in good condition inside but looks very ugly from outside, and is painted a dull mail-road-station red. If the Adventists don't put us to shame in the near future, I miss my guess.

All of this sums up to the fact that we need a manse in Gambell as well as a church in Savoonga. If you are not able to get a successor for me here at Savoonga soon, why not build a manse in Gambell first? Or, at least fix over the manse there in a thorough going fashion? Here we can use the school building a little longer.

Sincerely,

Irma Harden

via airmail 2/5/45

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SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY REPORT

MAR 7 1945

Of Anna Martin, Savoonga, Alaska Sunday School Missionary

Savoonga Church.

Date Jan. 31, 1945

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Dear Mr. Jackman,

You asked for suggestions concerning a church building for Savoonga. After consulting the men of the church, both collectively and individually, and also after making inquiries from school teachers and other whites on the island I find that the problem is not a simple one. In fact there are so many angles to it that you probably need expert advice rather than local opinion. The man best qualified to give you the needed advice is Mr. Frank Mize, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Juneau, Alaska. He is in charge of construction work for the government school projects in Alaska. Moreover, he has been on St. Lawrence Island superintending work at Gambell. So, I recommend Mr. Mize who is the sort of a man, from all accounts, who would be willing to help you in this matter, although he is a busy person with a great deal of territory to cover in his work for the government.

Our local consensus of opinion points toward the following facts as we see them now: Build with lumber rather than stone or concrete, - because of tundra land for a foundation. Up-heavings and down-saggings of the scanty layer of soil on frozen under-pinning complicates the foundation laying. Keep the building compact, with lower ceilings than ordinarily desired for auditoriums, in order to conserve heating facilities. Chimneys made of concrete blocks seem to be better than brick provided they are large enough both in diameter and height. Storm-proof entrances and storm-proof construction where roof meets sidings or around windows frames is absolutely necessary. The same is true of adequate insulation. Oil heaters are necessary.

In regard to labor, other factors must be considered. One is that nearly every household in Savoonga is planning to re-build or annex to present buildings "as soon as the war is over." Therefore, it may be difficult to get "carpenter" when you want them.

Have storm windows
Do not plan for a tall tower on the west. Bell should be on square platform on the ground, to avoid unequal weight + leakage also.
after thoughts:

Savoonga Folder

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

July 24, 1945

Via Airmail

Dr. Charles E. Bunnell
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

My dear Dr. Bunnell:

We have just had word from St. Lawrence Island that the University has abandoned your project of excavation in connection with the study of prehistoric man. It is reported to us that you have some buildings on the ground for which you no longer have a use. One of them in particular is reported to be 18'x30' and containing some lumber which we might use in the construction of a Church in Savoonga.

We have now a place available to us for our Church services in the village but will eventually have to build a separate building. We are wondering what price you might put upon this large building which you have. We would have to tear it down and move it to the new location and adapt it as best we can for our purposes as used lumber. If it is possible for us to use this at a reasonable price it might be better for you and for us too.

We would appreciate a report from you concerning the completion of your plans on the Island and the possible cost to us of this building. We have not yet had a report from our missionary at Gambell who saw the building but perhaps will have one by the time we get a report from you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

see Parker-Clark of 7/13/45 - rec'd 7/20/45

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

September 14, 1945

Dr. Charles E. Bunnell
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

My dear Dr. Bunnell:

The answer to your letter of August first has been delayed because of a long absence from the office for vacation and field work.

We would like to make further inquiry concerning the building on St. Lawrence Island. You indicate in your letter that this was left on the Island and you finally came to the conclusion that all this material could be traded to the Eskimos for a type collection of ivory for your museum. You say that you now have no building or equipment on the Island for sale and your negotiations were with the Reindeer Commercial Company of Savoonga. Do we understand from this that you have released all claim to the building and that whatever negotiations you raise in the future and whatever negotiations we have could be with the Reindeer Commercial Company of Savoonga? As soon as we clear this point with you, we shall then take up the matter with the Company. An early reply would be appreciated.

Kindest personal good wishes!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

VIA AIRMAIL

October 15, 1945

Dr. George T. Arnold
The Hubbard Press
Auburn, New York

Dear George:

As you know we are trying to develop our churches in Alaska toward the use of envelopes and regular contributions. Recently we had a report from Miss Alice Green at Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island indicating that it was impractical to consider a weekly offering envelope but she felt that a monthly duplex envelope would be very ~~helpful and would stimulate their giving. Her request came for 1500 envelopes and 125 pledge cards. Since they are so isolated, I am wondering~~ whether the best plan would be to print 50 to 75 sets of the monthly envelopes or simply send them blank envelopes and have them take care of them there. It is quite possible that they could not use them in the regular way and many adjustments would have to be made. If you have any wisdom on this we would be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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*These lines should read: ".....duplex envelope would be very helpful and would stimulate their giving. Her request came for 1500 envelopes and 125 pledge cards. Since they are so isolated, I am wondering whether the ....."

Savoonga Parker

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

October 25, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Albert Kulowiji, Manager
Reindeer Commercial Company
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island
Alaska

Dear Mr. Kulowiji:

Mr. Parker and Miss Green have reported to us that there is a large building on the site of the excavation which the University of Alaska was making which has in it a considerable amount of lumber which might be used for the construction of a Church in Savoonga. We have written to Mr. [illegible], President of the University of Alaska, asking if we could purchase the building from them. He has reported that everything on the site of the excavation has been turned over to the Reindeer Commercial Company for disposal. He has not made a definite statement that they have no more claim to the building but he has indicated that we should deal with you in regard to it.

As you know, we are hoping to help the people of Savoonga build a Church just as soon as materials are available after the war. If we can get the lumber from this building, we would not need to send as much material from the States for the new Church. We are trying to use the time this winter to see if we can get them lumber and then find out how much more we would need to send. We shall also want to send insulation and whatever other materials are necessary.

Before Miss Green left the office, we talked over with her the plans of the new Church. From all reports we know that your people are hoping to see to it that it will be an established fact. We shall want your people to raise some money for it so that you will share in the actual cost of the building. We feel that it will mean more to you if that is done.

May we ask you to let us know if it is possible to get the present building and what it will cost? If we work together on this it may be possible for us to get the Church earlier than we had expected. We shall hope to hear from you in the near future. We send our greetings to all of you and pray for great blessings to come upon you from our Heavenly Father.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

October 23, 1945

The Rev. R. Jay Miller, Manager
The Hubbard Press
Auburn, New York

My dear Mr. Miller:

I would conclude from your letter that you have a standard form for the Presbyterian Church with a monthly type of envelope which is as reasonable a method of getting these envelopes as we can find.

We would ask you to print 125 sets of duplex envelopes for monthly offerings from a standard form. Prepare these on the basis of the calendar year and mail them to Miss Alice Green, Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Please get them off as early as possible and send the bill to us.

Because of transportation and mailing facilities, we have no assurance that Miss Green will get them before January 1st, but at least we can make an effort. This is in the nature of an experiment but we hope it will work.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Savoonga Eskimo

MEMORANDUM
To - - Dr. Keeler
From - Dr. Jackman

November 28, 1945

Our Eskimo Church at Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska is a Church organization without a home. At present the Sunday school and congregation are meeting in the attic of the school building which is not adequate nor conducive to a worshipful experience. The Church has never had a home since it was organized. Our worker, Miss Alice Green, finds it necessary to divide up her group and have separate meetings at hourly periods from ten o'clock on Sunday morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, and then a gathering for young people in the evening followed by an evening Church service with as many people as she can get into the attic. This community must have a Church building.

No outside White organization is permitted to own property on St. Lawrence Island. The Office of Indian Affairs and the Savoonga Town Council have picked out the site for the Church and have granted us occupancy rights on this site for the building of this Church. This same situation holds true in Gambell where we own the building but have occupancy rights on the land.

We have found an abandoned building a few miles from Savoonga which has some lumber we hope may be available for the new Church. The Eskimos themselves are willing to help on the project. We will have to ship the remaining material from the States. It is estimated that $5000. will be sufficient to complete the building. We would ask a grant of this amount from the Post War Church and Manse Building Fund.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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It is understood that this will be Board owned property."

Excerpt from November 30, 1945 Board Minutes:

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It is recommended that a grant of $5,000. be made from the Post-war Church and Manse Building Grant Fund for the erection of a new Church building at

REPORT FROM SAVOONGA

I set sail from Seattle, Washington on May 25, 1945 on the S.S. Aleutian. As the war was still on the ship was painted grey, guns were mounted on the decks manned by the Navy, depth charges were all around, and nobody was allowed at the dock to see us depart. It was a beautiful clear day, and so we were able to see the scenery all along the way. At no time during the boat trip are you out of sight of land. During the first day we followed the Canadian coast up past Vancouver Island. The second it was very foggy so that we could not see a thing. The fog horn blew and we had to travel at a very slow pace as there is land on both sides of you. We were on our way up the Inside Passage.

Sunday dawned bright and clear. It was down right hot. This was the day we reached the first port in Alaska, Ketchikan. We docked at 1:00 P.M. All the old timers who had made the trip before said they believed it was the first time they had ever been in Ketchikan when it wasn't raining. We had four hours ashore here, so I looked up the Presbyterian Church and went to call on the minister, Mr. Freeman. He wasn't there, but his wife and family were. Just the day before our mission boat, Princeton-Hall, had been there to pick up the delegates for young people's conference, and he had gone to be on the faculty. The church was very nice; they have a fine program of work for both natives and whites. We walked around the town, seeing many totem poles and other curios. You also saw many signs which let you know thatthere was little scarcity of many items in Alaska. I was particularly impressed by a window display of all types of candies that I hadn't seen for a long time. Another thing that is very noticeable is the fact that about every other place of business is a place to serve alcoholic drinks.

We returned to the ship at 5:00 P.M. and got away as scheduled. The next afternoon at one we docked at Juneau. We were told we had seven hours here. We have three Presbyterian ministers in this place; however only one of them was at home.. I first called on Mrs. Walter Soboleff. Mr. Soboleff is the only Indian in Alaska who is ordained. Both of the Soboleffs are graduates of Sheldon Jackson School. He went on to Dubuque University and Seminary and then returned to serve this native church. She went on to Gamado Nurses Training School and so si a registered nurse. They have a lovely church, and he is doing a fine piece of work. I was talking to one of the Indian Affairsmen who is a Methodist, and he told me that Walter Sobâleff is the best preacher in Juneau. He went on to say whenever he wanted to hear a good message he went over there to church. Many white people who I talked to mentioned that they enjoyed listening to his radio broadcast. Next I went to call on Mr. Booth who is the pastor of the Northern Lights Presbyterian Church, the white church. I only visited with him a very short time as he had to go out. Then I climbed a mountain in order to call on Mrs. Prouty, the wife of the Sunday School Missionary in Southeastern Alaska and the Skipper of the Princeton-Hall. I went back on board at the announced hour for leaving but we didn't pull away until around one A.M.

That night we left the Inside Passage to pull out into the Gulf. A complete blackout was ordered. All the time we were crossing the Gulf even though it was supposedly a smooth crossing I felt much better lying down than sitting up. The next evening at six we landed at the first completely native village, Yakatak. This was a stop not usually made, but we had some supplies for the cannery there. It was a very dirty disreputable place. We only had two hours there. The further north we went the more we realized we were entering the Land of the Midnight Sun. The sun was not setting until ten or ten-thirty at night. After leaving Yakatak we headed for Cordova where we arrived at ten P.M. the next night. A little before we reached Cordova we had to stop at a cannery to let out oil but we were not allowed to go ashore. Cordova is a beautiful place. We only had two hours ashore, and as it was late I didn't go to call on the minister. Most every thing but the liquor stores were closed at that time of night. The next morning at eight we came to Valdez. The starting point of the Richardson Highway to Fairbanks. This is another beautiful place with snow-capped peaks on three sides and the ocean in front.

That same night at ten we pulled into Seward, the end of our ocean voyage. I missed Resurrection Bay which is considered one of the most scenic spots in the world. Everybody said that as long as it was so late when we pulled in we could stay on board that night. I didn't want to miss anything so I was waiting to pack after we landed. Then over the loud speaker system came the announcement that the train for Anchorage would leave at midnight. I dashed to my room and packed as fast as I could, but by the time I got back on deck we were already docking. What really made me disgusted was that then they announced that we would stay aboard until morning, the train leaving at nine. I went up town, looked around, and came back and went to bed. The next morning we all got off and got on the antiquated monstrosity know in Alaska as Iokes Folly. I never rode on anything so dirty and slow in my life, and I've ridden on some pretty bad trains. However the scenery well makes up for the train. On the way we saw quite right along the track. The country we passed through is excellent fish and game country.

We reached Anchorage about three in the afternoon. There were no hotel vacancies, and the minister of the Presbyterian Church was out of town. I was fortunate in having made the acquaintance on board boat of a member of our church there, and so she told me to come stay with her until the Armstrongs returned, which they did the next day. I stayed in Anchorage nigh on to two weeks. I wired Home to see if they knew what transportation there would be over to the island, and the answer was to contact Wein Airlines in Fairbanks to see when they would be going over. So I wired them. It took a week before I finally got a rise out of them. On Sunday, Mr. Bingle, our missionary along the Alaska Highway, came to town. The next day he was going up to Palmer to stay over night and then return. So I hitched a ride. Palmer is in the heart of the Matanuska Valley. It was still too early for the frost to be out of the ground so they hadn't started planting yet. We have there one of the prettiest little log churches you ever saw. Also the manse is built of logs. Our minister there is Mr. Alfsen, a Norwegian, which is fine as most of the people around there are Scandinavian. The valley is completely surrounded by mount-ins. I had an opportunity to become fairlywell acquainted with the work of the Anchorage church which is a self-supporting church. It has also built since the war a little church over in a new section of town which has sprung up since the war. They are also doing a fine piece of work with the servicemen stationed at Fort Richardson. While there I met my first Eskimo. He was a boy in the army, and a member of our church at Wainwright. Also I met a boy from Gambell, Howard Slwooka. He was as pleased to see me as I was to see him. He told me many things about the Island, and I promised to tell his family how he was getting along.

After I had given up all hope of ever hearing from Weins I got a telephone call from Joe Crosson, of Will Rogers-Wiley Post fame, saying they would probably go to Gambell on Thursday, so I better get to Nome. I called Alaska Airlines for a reservation on their Tuesday trip to Nome. They said to be at their office at 6:15 A.M. I got up the next morning at 5:30 and called to make sure they were going. I reported at their office where we were all weighed in. While waiting to be taken to the airport a man, his wife and little boy came in. She noticed my name on the baggage and came over to introduce herself. They were on their way to Gambell to be in the C.A.A. We went to the airport, boarded their new luxury liner Juneau, took off as scheduled. In an hour we landed. We looked out and discovered we were back in Anchorage. We had engine trouble. They took us uptown, and told us to keep in touch with them every hour. Finally at three we were told to report back. We went to the airport, boarded the plane, took off, and landed an hour and a half later at Mc Grath. Weather reports from Nome said that the ceiling was zero, and there was no indication that it would lift. So we got back on the plane and returned to Anchorage. There they said they would not try again until Thursday. On Wednesday Miss Whitmore, the principal of the Sheldon Jackson School, stopped in Anchorage on her way North so we had a nice visit. On Thursday morning I returned to the office of Alaska Airlines, went to the airport, got aboard the plane, took off landed in Mc Grath, and sat. Ceiling

zero in Nome and icing over Unalakleet. We sat from 8:30 until 12:30. Then they decided to try and make Unalakleet. We took off and at three we landed in Nome. They had bypassed Unalakleet because the fog had lifted over Nome for a few minutes.

I felt about the same way about Nome as Eddie Rickenbacker, when he was visiting there, he was reputed to have said, "Ever since I was a boy I've always wanted to see Nome. Now I've seen it, when do we leave?" Nome is positively the worst place I've ever been in, and a two weeks stay does not endear it any to your heart. I was there to witness the arrival of the first boat of the year. I was also there on the longest day of the year. It was very light the entire time. There were six of us whose ambition in life was to get over to Gambell, which was practically an unheard of thing. Weins refused to go to the Island because the landing field was no good. The Army P.B.Y. came over to try to land but the ice was still on the lagoon. Finally Norman Weaver, one of the bush pilots flying for Alaska Airlines, said he would go. We packed, went to the office, ceiling 2500 feet at Gambell, went to the airport, got aboard a little old plane that was so cramped we had to holdour baggage in our laps, took off. We flew over the clouds until we reached Gambell, couldn't find a hole, returned to Nome. A week later the ice had left the lagoon so the Army took us all over in the P.B.Y. After reaching Gambell we discovered we had never been over Gambell that other night. Also Norm Weaver was up to lose his pilot's license because in making the trip he had broken about all the rules of flying.

Now I had reached Gambell on St. Lawrence Island. Mr. Parker, the minister at Gambell didn't expect me on an Army plane so he wasn't there to meet me. A tall, good looking young man with a boy on his shoulders came up and said, "You Miss Green." I informed him that I was. He said, "I take you to Parker." He started off with me following. As we went along he talked thus, "See that man? That Sam. He elder. He my father. We take Parker and you to Savoonga next week. See that woman? She other faither." (This means she is a Seventh Day Adenist.) After awhile he saw Parker and called him. I had to remain in Gambell until after the Fourth as the natives would not think of being away from home on the Fourth of July. That is one of their big times for celebration.

I want to describe the celebration as it is the same in both village. It started about ten in the morning. It began with the usual races for children. This lasted until one when we all went home to have tea. At two we gathered again and then began the real program. The women first had a ball kicking contest. All the women tried to see how long they can keep kicking it up in the air without it touching the ground. The next was a ball kicking contest for the men. They tied the ball to a stick, and the men were suppose to kick it with both feet at the same time. After each kick the ball would be raised a little higher. The winner kicked the ball with both feet and kept his balance when it was a foot above his head. It certainly looked difficult to me. Then they had a race for the men in which the men laid on their stomachs and kkk pushed themselves along. This was done on gravel. Then they had a tug-of-war for women and one for men. After that they had rope jumping for men. They don't do the simple jumping that we are familiar with. They have a method all their own. Two men swing the rope and a third starts in the approved fashion. Then he starts going down; first on his hands and knees and finally clear down on his stomach so that he sort of rolls over the rope as it comes down. Then he comes back to his feet. This last part seems to be the hardest as very few regained their feet without missing. Next came the most familiar part of the program, the jumping in the walrus skin. They take the skin; all the men gather around the outside and take hold; somebody gets in the middle and they start tos ing him up in the air until he falls. The final part of the program is a kayak race across the lake. And so ended the Fourth for these folks.

The next morning at six Sam called us. We got dressed and at nine we all loaded in his whale boat and took off for Savoonga. There were seventeen in the boat and it still wasn't crowded. It was a lovely day and it only took us six hours to make

thetrip. The whale boats here are made in New Bedford and they use outboard motors on them. Everybody in Savoonga was down to meet the boat. We all shook hands and there was a chorus of "So glad you come. It is lonesome here without Mission." I am mission not missionary; also this is a Presbytery Church instead of Presbyterian. They can't seem to say such long words.

The village of Savoonga was built in 1917. A group of the younger people who were willing to go into the reindeer business came over from Gambell. These people are much more progressive and more willing to take up new ideas. Their houses are for the most part quite clean. In fact they are quite proud of their cleanliness. Their houses look much like many small homes in the states. They are beginning to put linoleum on the floors; buy beds, tables, and chairs. Each member of a family has their own cup instead of one to a family. They are beginning here to do away with the promised marriages. Now nobody has to marry unless they like. You and I would say they marry for love instead of by promise. Up until recently they married in the Old Testament way, and they still do for the most part in Gambell. The father of a boy would arrange for their marriage when they were quite young with the father of a girl. When the boy reached the age when he should be getting married, he makes arrangements with the father of the girl to work for him. That means for the time agreed upon all that the boy traps and kills goes to the girls family. Usually this period is three years. Remember the story of Jacob.

Savoonga is right on the Bering Sea, and behind are a group of mountains which are volcano craters. These mountains already have quite a bit of new snow. There are twenty-five houses in the village; many of them have at least two families in them and one has three. The place whereI live is a real Eskimo house. In order to get in the front door you have to be a contortionist. First you have to double over; then step over an obstruction which is a foot high. I probably will begin going around bent over or else I will succeed in knocking my head off. My living quarters are 14' by 16'. This includes bedroom, living and dining room, and kitchen. I store my food in the attic. I have to climb a ladder to get to it. However next door are two families, one having six children and the other having five. All live in a house the same size as mine.

Savoonga has a population according to the census of 224 Natives, 3 Whites, and 143 dogs. By now there must be at least 50 more dogs and three additional natives. These people are more Asiatic looking than the mainland Eskimo. Some of these people are Siberian. Up until the war these people usually made one hegira over to Sibera to call on relatives. This year a group of Siberians came over to call at Gambell. They were practically starved, but the natives there gave them all kinds of supplies. These people do excellent ivory carving, for which they are paid quite well when they sell to Juneau. However they like to trade with the boats that call in the summer and most generally they come out the little end of the deal.

Since I have been here we have had several boats. The first to arrive was a Coast Guard Cutter with doctors and dentists to give them all a check and pull teeth. They had Mr. and Mrs. Williams and myself on board for supper and a picture show. We enjoyed very much the steak dinner. The show was an old one but it was enjoyed too. They also showed two pictures while here that the natives enjoyed. They especially liked the Western, and they enjoyed the planes in the war picture. I don't think they got toomuch out of them, though next came Pete the Trader. He is a peddlar who goes around to these out of the way places and sells and buys. The natives were sure glad to see him as they were just about all out of canned milk. They all got on to his little boat, and all tried to bargain at the same time. After Pete came the most important boat of all as far as I was concerned, the freighter U.S.S. Sutherland. This is the boat that I brought my years supply of foodstuffs and other supplies. Most everything I ordered came through, and I'm not afraid of starving to death. The next boat will be the North Star, the Department of Interior. It should be here around the first of November.

After the freighter had come I had some work to do. I needed shelves made, linoleum laid, and my new furniture installed. There are two things to remember when you get natives to work for you. First don't expect them to arrive before 11:00 A.M., and if the water is good don't expect them at all. They get up about ten and then have a council meeting watching the sea for about an hour to see if it's all right to go out on. If they decide it is everyone gets their guns and put the boats into the water off they go on the hunt for birds and seal. The second thing is never try to get one to wrk alone. The more that can work at a job the happier they are. They like to liter in the freight and longshore it to the various houses because they can all work at it. When the right day arrived they came to the job and worked on into the night till it was done. They donated their time for these jobs.

After the freighter left, then came round up time for the reindeer. All the young men went out for a week to herd the deer into the corral. Finally word arrived that the deer were in, and they would start butchering on Wednesday. The water was bad, and they could not take out their boats. However on Tuesday most of the families packed up and walked the seven miles out to the corral. It was really quite a sight. Mother would carry the baby on her shoulders, Father carried a tent, and all the children carried packs with supplies. Even the little ones of five or six would be fixed up with a pack to carry his share of the supplies. When they get there they begin a week of tea drinking and feasting. On Wednesday they killed the deer and the women skinned them. Then the women would tan the skins and get them ready for clothing. On Saturday some of them returned home, but a lot had to stay until boats could come to bring in the meat. On Saturday two boys came in and asked me to give them materials so they could have Sunday School and services out at the corral. I furnished them with materials and sent them on their way. They had a fourteen mile hike in order to get materials for services. I say that is wanting services pretty bad.

Now the natives are going to camps to prepare for the winter's trapping. Most of them will stay until Christmas; I am told that they all return at Christmas for the celebration, and then they return to their trapping until the first of February. So far I have supplied Sunday school supplies to 8 families so they can have it for their children while at camp. This camp business means that many of the children will not start school until the first of the year. Savoonga has the best white fox known. They also get a few blue fox and wolverine.

Children go to school here until they are eighteen, but most of them do not even get through eighth grade, as they miss so much of the school year. They also have a very difficult time with the English as the only time they use it is when they are in school or trying to talk to me. It is never used at home. As a result they read English very well, even better than many white children I know; however it is doubtful as to whether they get much out of their reading. They speak a very abbreviated English only using enough words to get the idea across.

We use for a church the attic of the school house. This is not a very beautiful or very worshipful place to be. However we do the best we can. We are expecting to have a church and manse built next year. This is a schedule of Sunday services.

10:00 Class of Intermediates
11:00 Class of Juniors
12:00 Class of Primaries and a class of Beginners
1:00 Junior Young Peoples Group
2:00 Church Service
3:00 Men and Women's Prayer Groups
3:15 Senior Young Peoples Group.

Then I stagger home and prepare myself something to eat. I am nearly starved. The reason the services are arranged thus is that they want to get every thing over with

before it gets pitch black in the winter time.

During the week I have to go over the lessons with each of the teachers. Prepare my sermon and then go over it with my interpreter to be sure he knows what all the words mean I am planning on using. Meet with the leaders of the youth groups and help them to prepare services. I meet with the choir for practice. On Wednesday the women have a prayer group, and in the evening we have prayer meeting. I also make pastoral calls. I find the most difficult thing is to help them to understand so they can put it into their own language. The worst is I really am never certain they got the idea or not. These people love to sing and all day long they are singing hymns as they work and play. Hymns seem to be all they know. When the young people decide to have a party, they get together and have a hymn sing. That is their idea of a party and they have an awfully good time. They sing quite well and are able to read music so they pick up new hymns very quickly.

I am enjoying my work here very much, and the people are such fine people to work with. They enjoy life so much and never seem to have a care in the world. I hope this will give you some idea of the people and the work.

Sincerely yours,

ALICE GREEN

Savoonga Side

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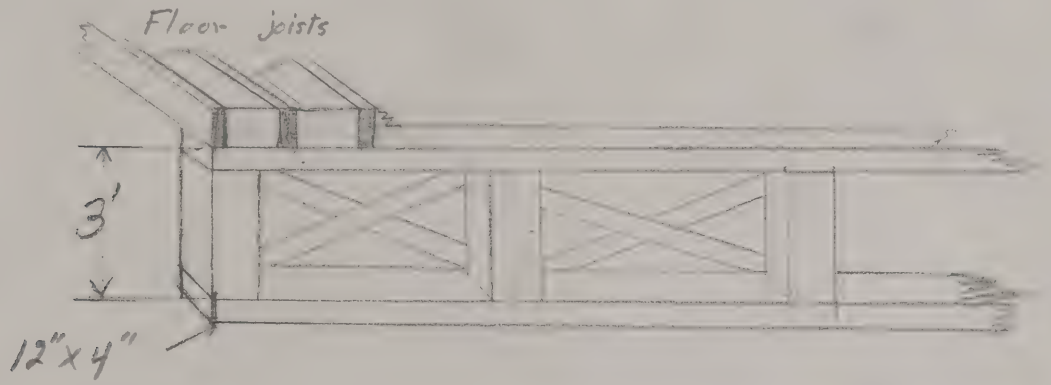
Note. It seems that this plan ~~xxxxxx~~ has much floor room above the living quarters and Sunday School room. Miss Green did not like the idea of making living quarters above the S.S. room. 40 by 32 feet looks like a good bit of floor space to be lost.

It might be the living quarters could occupy the space marked for the S.S. and the S.S.room be above. A stair way could go up from the end of the hall leading to the church.

For the church ceiling the elders wanted the roof insulated part way up the rafters and ceiled over, making a higher room with plenty of air. I am not making any suggestions as to heating.

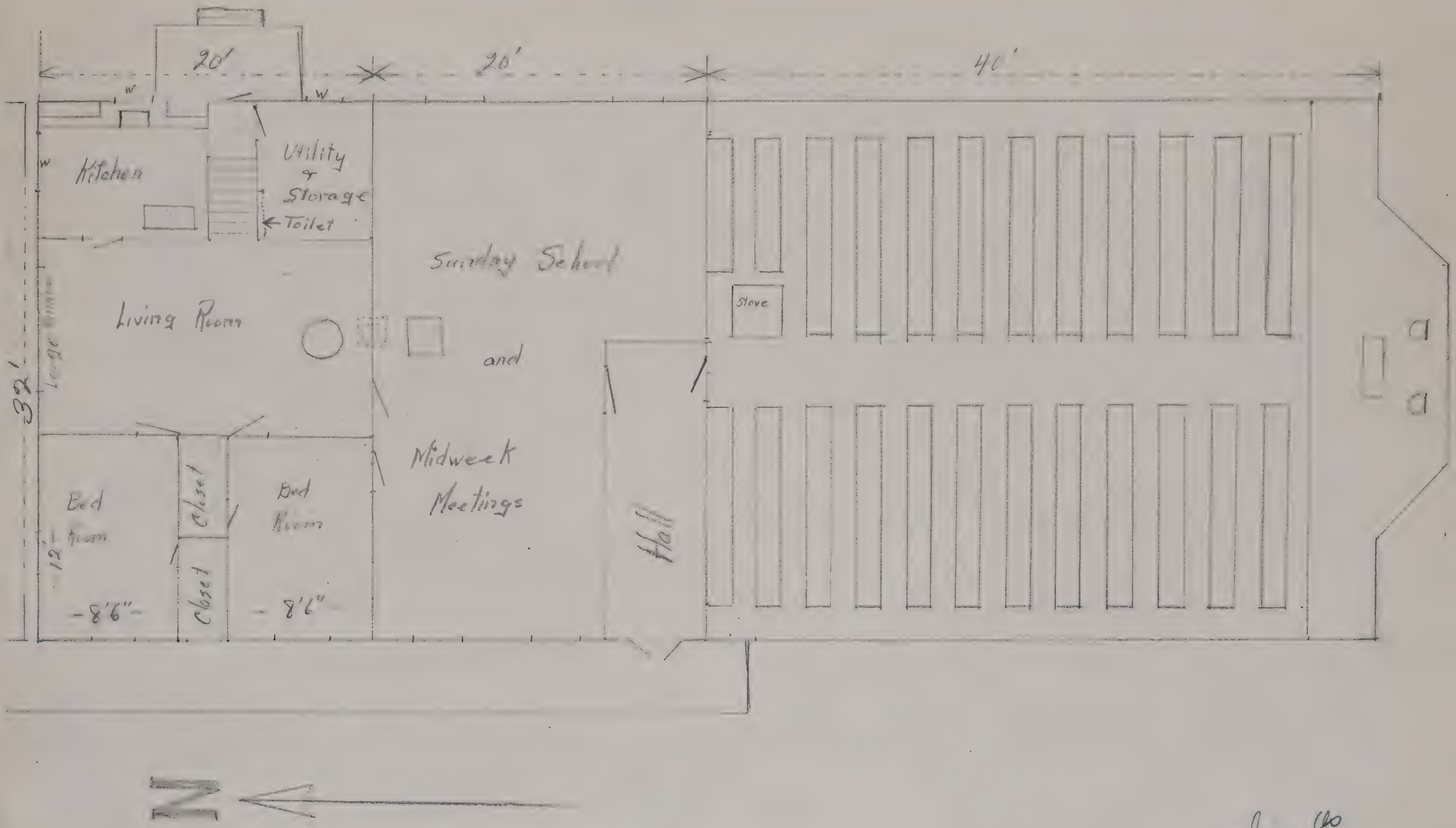
The building will have to be built on a set of big timbers and also raised about three feet so the building can be leveled in the spring after the frost goes out. The floor will have to be insulated and sealed with cellotex or some other good material that will protect the floor. We will probably need a 10 ton hydrolic jack with which to level the building. After a few years the timbers will be settled and the ground will be solid. Then by insulating with sod the ground will not thaw out during the summer and the building will stand fairly level. Mr. Williams will help me with this as he has had experience in getting the school house leveled.



This size timber will be heavy. It is not necessary that they should be 32 feet long. Two 16 foot timbers could be used. Some of this timbering will have to be across the ends and some length wise of the building. Others through the center. The wind is strong at times in Savoonga but not so ~~xxxxx xxxxxx~~ gusty as it is here. It may not be necessary to make the upright timbers as large as these are drawn. 6x10 would be large enough I'm sure and the cap timber 3x10.

E.P.

Some Posters
to Nome in Big Folder
9/16/46



Davoonga floor plan as
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Savoonga St. Lawrence Island Alaska,
Feb.14,1946

Rev.J.Earl Jackman
Unit of Work in Alaska
156 - 5 - Ave.
New York, 10 New York

Dear Mr. Rev. J.Earl Jackman:-

The building at Kookoolik you had been asking about to use lumber for our church at Savoonga,
It will be much cheaper to buy , but it may be cost more to repair after year or two also to many nail holes and cracks will make the church cold.
And their is no tempers under the building only four by sixes are under the building.

We are very happy all of Savoonga people to have Alice Green with us this year.

Well we hoping from our Lord to have a new church for here some time.

From your brother in Jesus

Albert Kulowiyi

Albert Kulowiyi

copy to Alice Green

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

February 18, 1946

Mrs. Henry B. Strock
140 E. Orange Street
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Strock:

We are facing a problem in connection with one of our churches in Alaska where we think you can be of great service to us. You will recall in the last meeting of the Board that there was a grant of $5000. made for a new Church at Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. This was made with the understanding that sufficient lumber would be available in an old building on the Island for the new Church. We now find that this lumber is not useable and we are going to have a much higher cost in materials than we had anticipated. However, the Eskimos have agreed to do all of the work on the Church if we would supply the materials.

One of the essential parts of the materials is in the insulation of the building. If the building is adequately insulated it will not only make it more comfortable but in the end will save the Board hundreds of dollars in fuel through the years. It would be a wise investment of funds if we would spend a few hundred dollars more for insulation and do it right from the beginning.

In the building of the manse at Barrow some years ago, the President of the Armstrong Cork Company gave the insulation for the manse. It is lined with two inches of cork throughout which makes it one of the most comfortable homes any place in the Territory and saves the Board a considerable amount of money every year in the heating cost. Since this has been so successful, we are wondering if we might make an approach to the President of the Armstrong Cork Company with a request for the insulation as a gift from him or the Company. Dr. Wilson has suggested that we might ask you to make an approach to the President or open the way for me to have a conference with him personally with a statement of the great help in the case of the Barrow manse and the real value of such help in the Savoonga Church. I am pressed for time just now but I could make this trip on February 25th, 26th, or 28th. If that is

Missionary File

February 18, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Cambell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

I am writing this letter to you with a copy to Miss Green so you will be both informed concerning the developments in regard to the Savoonga Church. We were disappointed that you found the lumber in the old building at Kukulik in such bad condition. Since lumber is so expensive in the States now it makes a great difference in the cost of our new Church. However, we are going to try to proceed with the plans and see what can be done about the Church before the summer. This means that we must proceed rather rapidly in getting an estimate on the amount of lumber and the cost necessary. The Board had made a grant of $5000. covering materials which we thought would include only the framing and the roof on the new Church. A preliminary estimate indicates that the plans which you have sent will require twice that amount of money for materials. We are hurriedly beginning our contacts in the hope that we can do something definite about it.

Meanwhile, there are a number of questions which we should ask you and on which we need an early reply. From the drawing which you sent, we take it that it would be better to rest the Church building on the large timbers with the under-construction which you have suggested. Your need for a ten ton hydraulic jack indicates that the leveling of the building would be easier with that type of construction. However, it would be much cheaper if we could put this on concrete or stone posts. We realize it would be harder to level the building with this type of under-pinningbut it will make a great difference in the cost. If the timbers are better we shall try to make it that way.

Should the windows be constructed so that they will be built in solidly to the frame work of the building? Our impression is that you do not open your windows during the summer time but rather use ventilators in the upper wall of the rooms. Should these windows be of three glass sheets with air space between or will two be sufficient?

Should your ventilators in the wall be at the top near the ceiling or should they be near the floor for the proper kind of ventilation both in the manse and in the church?

What kind of wall material should we plan to use? Should it be cedar siding on the outside and can it be celotex or some other construction on the inside?

Do you have any suggestion to make on the type of flooring which ought to be used? Should we plan to send fir flooring with some kind of chemical to be used as a floor hardener after it is down, or should we go through the small extra expense of providing oak flooring?

We are making a contact with the Armstrong Cork Company in the hope of securing a gift of cork insulation for the entire building. The manse at Barrow is lined with this and it is most satisfactory. If we cannot get it as a gift we will then have to see what kind of insulation we can buy in Seattle.

What kind of roof will stand up best in that climate? Should it be cedar shingle or should we try to get corrugated iron roofing? One of the men from the Office of Indian Affairs in Juneau who has had a part in the construction of school buildings over the Territory, recommended that we get corrugated iron roofing for the building and have the rain water drain into a wooden container which would be a reservoir for running water in the manse. He recommended the iron roofing as the kind which would stand up well and would give the purest water for use inside.

What kind of paint should we use and what color both for the inside and outside of the building?

We understand that electricity is available at Savoonga and we should send electrical fixtures. I have been thinking in terms of plain white bowls which would hang on the ceiling but Mr. Howell in Seattle has recommended fluorescent lights. Do you have any recommendation?

Since the barrels of fuel oil are much more easily handled than the sacks of coal and in the end is cheaper, we would recommend oil heating. On the sketch which you have sent it would seem wise to have a good type of oil heating stove both for the church and the manse.

Your letter would indicate that there is some question concerning the location of the building which was chosen by the Office of Indian Affairs. We are writing to the Office of Indian Affairs about this and are asking them to give permission for you and Mr. Williams to choose the location which seems best to all concerned and report it back to their office later.

We would like some indication from you concerning the need for furniture. We take it for granted that it will need a pulpit and pulpit chairs. Your sketch seems to indicate pews which are rather expensive in these days. Would it be possible for your people up there to make benches out of good lumber? Pews would cost about $1500. We shall need some chairs for the Sunday school and would be glad to have you indicate the number. We would estimate about

125 from the records which we have concerning the Church. We suppose you will also need a piano and a reading desk for the Sunday school.

Turning to the manse we ought to have some listing of furniture. The sketch indicates two bedrooms, a living room, and kitchen. We ought to have an indication of the furniture needed for the bedrooms and living room. In the kitchen there ought to be an indication of the type of oil stove which is useable with some possibility of a kitchen sink with running water and cupboards. If this iron roof and water barrel idea works out would it be possible to have running water in the kitchen? Or, if the snow and rain water is not useable for that purpose, is it possible for us to put a tank inside the kitchen into which blocks of ice can be put for the water supply? If either one of these suggestions is practical it might be possible to run the water line through the stove for hot water as well as cold. We should need also to list the table and chairs for the kitchen.

Is it possible to have a cesspool in the soil there? If this can be done the running water idea might be very practical. If it cannot be done then we should be prepared to provide a chemical toilet near the outside door as suggested by Miss Green. We ought to have some definite direction on this so that the proper materials might be sent.

Your sketch indicates a room opposite the kitchen near the entrance. Is this to be a storage space and what about the stairway indicated. Does this go up or down? If the roof of the building is insulated, the space over the manse could be used for storage. It will be necessary for Miss Green to have a large storage space in which to place all of her materials after the boat comes in. With proper insulation this could be had upstairs even allowing a small amount of heat to go up from the living room so that things would not freeze. I am wondering if it is possible to put a permanent freezing room in the ground under the storage space opposite the kitchen? The manse at Barrow has such a place under their storage room so that their meat and other things of similar nature are frozen the year round until they use them.

There is no provision in the plans for the sanctuary for the choir. Perhaps one side of it could be altered to make arrangements for the choir.

The sketch which you sent calls for one heating stove in the sanctuary., one in the Sunday school room, one in the living room, and the kitchen stove. Even with good insulatiom should we not plan to have two in the sanctuary?

We are giving you a lot of questions but they indicate that we desire to carry on our arrangements here to bring the best results for Savoonga. I hope to have a conference with the architect who drew up the plans which

we have here in the office and make whatever changes are necessary in light of the sketch which you have sent. We trust that mail communications will allow us to proceed rapidly enough to get this thing done for next summer. A number of things have not yet been sufficiently cleared to open the way for it but we still have hopes.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

CC Miss Alice Green

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Alaska Native Service
Juneau, Alaska
February 25, 1946

Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Jackman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 19 wherein you advise that Rev. Parker and Mr. Williams do not believe that the most suitable spot has been selected for the Presbyterian Church building at Savoonga. In view of the fact that I was present four years ago last summer with Dr. Willard W. Beatty, Director of Education in the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with Earl D. McGinty, Supervising Construction Engineer, and representatives of the Savoonga Eskimos at Savoonga when we selected the present site which was made available by Secretarial Order dated May 23, 1942, I do not believe it advisable to cancel the authority you already have, which was approved specifically upon the basis of the plat furnished. As you indicate you believe the new church site is too close to the government buildings, the only change we believe could be made without confirmation from the Secretary of the Interior would be to move the entire church site, size 40' x 60', in a southerly direction a distance of 60 feet or more which would make a minimum distance of 200 feet between the nearest government building and the edge of the church site.

For your information when the application was first submitted for establishing a church site in 1942 we received a letter from the Indian Office advising that the regulations provide that a church or cemetary shall not be located within a half mile radius of an Indian school, to which we replied in part: "While Mr. Beatty was at Savoonga last August, he and representatives of this office discussed the proposed church site and the church situation with Rev. John E. Youel of the Presbyterian Mission at Fairbanks, Alaska, our teacher and the Eskimos. At present the Presbyterian church is conducting services in the Indian school building. While Mr. Beatty was at Savoonga a survey was made of the unfinished second story of the school building to determine whether same could be used for church activities entirely, and the conclusions reached were that the space was of sufficient size but the construction of the building would not carry the load which would be incurred. In addition the use of this room

for such purpose would create definite fire hazards.

The Presbyterian Church is the only one that has ever operated in this village. The people, as in most villages, avail themselves of school and church activities practically 100 per cent. I am advised that the Eskimos at this village have volunteered to donate their labor to build the Presbyterian Church whenever the proposed site is approved and the lumber and materials are delivered there. The church activities at this village are considered very beneficial in conjunction with the Indian Service school and community program. There are no other whites living in this village except the Indian Service teachers and the church missionary.

The Eskimos of this village have expressed their desire to have the new church located in the general location already selected. As the ground at Savoonga is a very wet and boggy tundra during the summer months, sidewalks are necessary. The location of the church one-half mile from the school would make it impossible for the older people and discourage all the others from attending church. It would probably cause them to lose interest in the church as well as the school which are being operated harmoniously now."

Before making any further plans to re-locate a church site at Savoonga we believe you should give further justification on why the site selected in 1942 is not satisfactory, which we believe is very suitable providing you and the Savoonga people agree to move the building 60 feet farther away from the school building. In case you do not have a plat which accompanied the Secretarial Order the church site is size 40' x 60' which is 140 feet south between the school shed and the north boundary line of the church site, and 310 feet east from the Native store building to the west side of the church site.

This letter is your authority to move the church site 60 feet south making a distance of 200 feet between the school shed and the north boundary of the church site. This office will not approve the construction of the church building within the village, which I do not presume you propose in view of the fire hazard which you have mentioned in connection with the school and in view of the regulations regarding the location of churches in conjunction with Indian villages and schools. I believe the location made in 1942 is the most advantageous one for the entire village. However, if it is agreed that the church site acquired is not satisfactory now in proposing a new location you will have to take the consequences in case the half mile limit regulation is invoked. I would appreciate advice as to your final plans in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

Fred R. Geeslin

Fred R. Geeslin
Act. Gen. Supt.

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

March 12, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Fred R. Geeslin,
Acting Gen'l Supt.
Office of Indian Affairs
Alaska Native Service
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Geeslin:

Thank you for your very fine letter considering the location of the Presbyterian Church at Savoonga, Alaska. We appreciate your willingness to cooperate with us in the construction and location of the Church and we feel that your permission to move the Church site sixty feet further to the south away from the school shed will take care of the problem. We do not want to get the building too far away from the center of activity for the people and yet we want to get it far enough to prevent any hazard from fire.

I shall recommend to The Rev. Elmer E. Parker at Gambell who will supervise the construction of the Church, and the people of Savoonga that they accept your suggestion of moving it sixty feet to the south and locate it there. I believe this will be accepted. In the construction of this church, we had hoped to use the lumber available in an old building which the University of Alaska had abandoned at Nukalik. The people now report that this has been standing out in the weather for nine years and is partly rotted and will be unsuitable. So far we have made little progress in getting material and plans for the new Church. Constrictions on all building construction aside from housing for veterans may prevent us from getting the lumber and material for the Church. I have been unable to find an architect who has time enough to work over the plans which we have here in the office in light of the suggestions from Savoonga. They are going to be greatly disappointed if we cannot proceed. We are still

working on it but have no hope yet we can do it this summer. Mr. Williams reports an increase in the enrollment of the school at Savoonga making it necessary for them to use a part of the attic for another school room. This is all the more reason we should get the new Church but we may have to plead for the use of the school building again next winter if plans and materials are not available.

Again we appreciate your fine cooperation with our work in the Territory.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

March 14, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Albert Aulowiji
Savoonga
St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

My dear Mr. Aulowiji:

Thank you for your letter in regard to the building at Kukulik for the new Church. We are greatly disappointed that the lumber in the old building will not be available for the Church. It makes a hard problem for us because we thought there would be enough material there to go ahead with the Church.

We have three difficulties but we are trying to overcome them. The Board of National Missions promised us $5000. for the purchase of materials and freight. We thought this would be enough money to buy the frames and the roof for the new Church and pay the freight. Since we have to buy all the lumber in the building we feel this will not be enough money. We must find more money from some source and do not know yet that we can get it.

We shall have to get an architect to work over the plans in light of the suggestions which have been sent by Mr. Farmer and Miss Green. Our architects all seem to be very busy and we have not yet been able to find one who can work this out for us.

There is a shortage of homes for returned war veterans and the government has put a stop to the use of all building materials except for veteran housing. We are not sure when we do get a list of the lumber necessary that we can get it for use in the Savoonga Church this summer.

We are still working on all of these things but there are so many difficulties it makes it doubtful if we can get you a Church now.

We are greatly disappointed over this situation but will do our best. Give my greetings to all your people. We are praying for great blessings upon Miss Green and all of the people of Savoonga.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

CC Miss Green

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re 4/3/46 memo

MEMORANDUM March 22, 1946

To - - Dr. Keeler
From - Dr. Jackman
Re: - New Church at Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

At the January meeting of the Board, we requested and received a grant of $5000. from the Post War Manse and Church Loan Fund for the new Church at Savoonga, Alaska. The amount was determined on the basis that sufficient lumber would be available from an old building on the Island for the frame of the Church and we would need to send only the window and door frames plus the roof and other finishing equipment of that kind.

The old building on the Island has been reexaminied carefully. It has been out in the weather unpainted for nine years. The iron nails have rusted it leaving holes in the boards or split boards. The building also is warped and the report comes that we will not be able to use any part of it for the new Church.

The Eskimos have had a conference and they decided to lighter the materials from ship to shore free and to donate all of the labor for the construction of the new Church if the Board will purchase and send the materials to them. We are now seeking the materials.

We have found an architect who will give us some help through the month of April in drawing basic suggestions for the new Church. He will then give us the list of the materials needed and we shall have to seek a price from a Lumber Company in Renton, Washington on the cost. We have sought financial help from the Brick Presbyterian Church which supports Miss Alice Green, the missionary at Savoonga, but they are not able to help out at this time. We have requested a gift of the cork insulation for the Church but this has had to be denied. Our only help is to turn to the Board for an additional grant for this Church.

We have presented this matter to the Cabinet of Missionary Operation and the Administrative Council with a request for an appropriation of an additional $5000. from the same source. We are informed that the high cost of materials may boost this extra need to $7500. The request for $5000. has been passed. We may need $7500. If we do not use it, of course, we will not call for it. May we ask the Building Aid Committee to consider an additional appropriation of $7500. for the Church in Savoonga with the understanding that if we do not need that amount we shall not call for it?

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence

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MEMORANDUM April 3, 1946

To - Dr. Keeler and Dr. Morse
From - Unit of Work in Alaska
Re: - Church at Savoonga, Alaska

"Fire completely destroyed the school house at Savoonga, Alaska on March 19, 1946. We had been using the attic of the school for inadequate space for Sunday school and Church services. It is now imperative that we build a Church at the earliest possible date because there is no place in the village to hold more than a small group of people together for a service.

"A Church must be built. The Eskimos have agreed to contribute all the labor. A grant of $5000. has been made from the post war Manse and Church fund to buy materials. This was done with the understanding that basic lumber was available on the Island. It now appears that the lumber on the Island is not suitable for this purpose and all materials including insulation must be purchased in the States and shipped. It is requested that an additional grant of $7500. be made from the same fund for materials for this Church."

The above is a quotation from a letter received yesterday from Dr. Jackmar written in Juneau on March 31st. He suggested that this memo be sent to you.

Unit of Work in Alaska
per

FK

CC Dr. Morse
CC Dr. Keeler

Granted Mem Bldg & Repair DS #2539 for $7500.

Per April 25, 1946 Minutes of Board (Page #3 Committee on Building Aid):

"SAVOONGA, ALASKA -

RECOMMENDED: Transfer of $7500. from the Post-War Church Building Grant Fund to National Missions Building Grand Fund the same to be used to complete the church building at Savoonga Alaska with the understanding that only such an amount of the $7500. as may be needed will be called for."

Also appears in April 1 , 1946 Minutes of Administrative Council.

"($5000. was appropriated for this purpose with the understanding that the necessary lumber was available on the Island. It now appears that the lumber on the Island is not suitable and all materials must be purchased in the States. On March 19th fire destroyed the school house, the attic of which has been used for church services. No other building is available on the Island.)"

5/9/46 Dr. Keeler informed Bldg. $7500. - Refer to Mar. & Mem Bldg & Repair Fd.

See Post-War Church & Manse Bldg. Grant Fund docket sheet of 5/6/46 per Keeler

Statement re: Savoonga attendance at Sunday and Week Day Meetings:

annual attendance 3812

Month	Sunday Meetings — annual attendance 7866					Week Day and Other Activities						
	Church Att.	S.S. Att.	Y.P. Att.	Men's Prayer Group	Women's Prayer Group	Prayer Meet. Att.	Minister's Prep. Class	Org.Act. for Girls	Org.Act. for Y.P.	Org.Act. for Adults	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan. 1945	281	329	157	70	84	206			37	124		
Feb. "	287	364	166	65	90	372			65	23		
Mar. " (½)	173	190	86	48	45	268			80	66		
(Field vacant from April 1, 1945 when Miss Martin left until July 5th when Miss Green arrived)												
July 1945	525	316	144	92	56	100		33		37		28
Aug. 1945	373	323	145	86	81	284	* 18		72	75	18	
Sept. "	253	330	175	77	73	180	* 54		76	49	8	
Oct. "	185	246	150	59	55	199			58	86		79
Nov. "	165	222	141	48	60	195			75	60	10	84
Dec. "	287	381	192	103	88	260			111	63		259
Totals (8½ mos.)	2529	2701	1356	648	632	2064	72	33	637	583	36	450

*24 members rec'd into Church by Confession on last Sun. in December

Membership of Church - 127; Sunday School - 90; Total Number Families - 32 as of 12/1945

	Number of Sunday Services held	Number of Week Day Meetings held
Jan. 1945	24	12
Feb. "	24	15
Mar. " (½ mo.)	12	9
(Field vacant from April 1 to July 5th)		
July 1945	21	8
Aug. "	20	14
Sept. "	25	17
Oct. "	20	20
Nov. "	20	17
Dec. "	25	16
Year's Total (8½ mos)	191	128

April 24, 1946
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May 29, 1946

Mr. John J. Madigan,
Director, Government Branch,
Civilian Production Administration,
Room 4440 Social Security Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Madigan:

Enclosed is an application of the Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for priority in obtaining building materials for construction of a church building in Savoonga, Alaska, together with letter dated May 25 addressed to the Civilian Production Administration by Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary, Unit of Work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions.

I cannot recommend approval of the enclosed application too highly. Nowhere in the world are residents of a small community so dependent on a community hall as are those living in the Eskimo town of Savoonga. Very recently the Office of Indian Affairs school at Savoonga was destroyed by fire. This building not only served school purposes but was used as a central gathering place for the Eskimos on all occasions, including Sundays when church services were held.

The Office of Indian Affairs will not have any money available to reconstruct the destroyed building during the coming year, and the Presbyterian Church has offered to put up a building to be used as a church, community hall and would allow the building to be used during the week to carry on school classes and activities.

I endorse without reservation everything Dr. Jackman has set forth in his letter which is enclosed, and I sincerely hope favorable action may be taken as soon as possible.

Cordially,

E. L. Bartlett
Delegate

JUL 25 1946

FORM CPA-541-A
(4-23-46)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVILIAN PRODUCTION ADMINISTRATION

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 12-R2560.3

APPLICATION FOR LIMITED PRIORITIES ASSISTANCE

CPA CASE NUMBER 55614

INSTRUCTIONS - Priorities Regulation 28 explains the conditions under which assistance will be granted and who should apply on this form. Submit in *Duplicate (2)* copies. Note the separate sections for assistance for construction (Block 10) capital equipment (Block 11) and production material (Block 12). All other blocks (Except 4, 13 and 16) must be answered by all applicants; for Block 13, 14 and 16 use letter or separate sheet if necessary, attaching a copy to each copy of this application.

TO: Civilian Production Administration, Washington 25, D.C.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street, City, Zone, State)

Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

TELEPHONE NUMBER

2. DATE OF APPLICATION 5-25-46

3. TOTAL VALUE OF ALL ITEMS REQUESTED $ about 10,000.-

4. IF THIS IS A REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OR AN APPEAL, GIVE DATE AND CPA CASE NO. OF PRIOR APPLICATION.

CASE NUMBER | DATE

5. NATURE OF BUSINESS, FOR EXAMPLE: (MANUFACTURING ELECTRIC MOTORS, BUILDER, DRY CLEANING PLANT)

Christian Missions

6. TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN LAST PAY PERIOD ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF ALL PRODUCTS OR ALL THE SERVICES RENDERED IN THIS PLANT. *(Enter the number in appropriate box).*

0-100	101-250	251-500	501-1000	MORE THAN 1000
one for this mission				

7a. WHAT SPECIFICALLY WILL YOU MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE, OR WHAT SERVICE WILL YOU RENDER WITH THE ITEMS REQUESTED IN BLOCK 8 BELOW?

Christian ministry to an Eskimo village on St. Lawrence Island with temporary use for the government school whose building burned March 19, 1946.

7b. SHOW DOLLAR VOLUME FOR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES OF THE PLANT AND FOR THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE NAMED IN 7a. FOR PRODUCTS USE DOLLAR VALUE OF SHIPMENTS OR BILLING. FOR SERVICES USE DOLLAR RECEIPTS. a new church building

PERIOD	TOTAL PLANT	PRODUCT OR SERVICE NAMED IN 7a
LAST MONTH	$	$
2 MONTHS AGO	$	$
3 MONTHS AGO	$	$
ESTIMATED MONTHLY MINIMUM ECONOMIC RATE AS DEFINED IN PAR. (f)(1) OF PR. REG. 28	$	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

8. ITEMS FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED. NUMBER EACH ITEM SEPARATELY IN COLUMN (a)

ITEM NUMBER (a)	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (USE PURCHASE ORDER DESCRIPTION) (b)	IF EQUIPMENT STATE MAKE, MODEL, CAPACITY; IF MATERIAL, STATE UNITS OF MEASURE (Yards, tons, etc.) (c)	QUANTITY (d)	PURCHASE PRICE PER UNIT (e)	REQUIRED DELIVERY DATES (f)	FOR CPA USE ONLY QUANTITY APPROVED (g)	FOR CPA USE ONLY RATING (h)
	building materials consisting of lumber (framing, sheathing, siding, shingles, flooring, doors), insulation bats, celotex, cement for concrete footings, and bricks for two chimneys - for simple church building 32 x 97 feet with hip ridge 26 ft. from ground level.					more	—

9. WHERE WILL ITEMS BE USED OR DELIVERED? (IF FOR EXPORT, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF FOREIGN CONSIGNEE, HIS BUSINESS, AND THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF EXPORT LICENSE.

Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

SPACE BELOW FOR CPA USE ONLY

AUTHORIZATION OR DENIAL - YOU ARE AUTHORIZED, UNLESS DENIED BELOW, TO APPLY THE PREFERENCE RATING ASSIGNED IN COLUMN (h) ABOVE TO THE ITEMS DESCRIBED IN BLOCK 8 FOR THE QUANTITIES INDICATED IN COLUMN (g).

CLOSED

CIVILIAN PRODUCTION ADMINISTRATION
BY Joseph Nelson
RECORDING SECRETARY

JUL 24 1946

SIGNATURE

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10. IF ITEMS REQUESTED ARE TO BE USED IN A ***CONSTRUCTION JOB***, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

a. USE OF STRUCTURE
☐ RESIDENTIAL ☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ OTHER *(Use additional sheet or letter to describe)*

b. GIVE TOTAL COST OF ALL MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE JOB $ 6000. to $10,000.

c. PROPORTION COMPLETED not started %

d. DOES PROPOSED WORK REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION UNDER ORDER M-1? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, GIVE PROJECT SERIAL NUMBER by Lumber Co.

We understood it to be exempt from priority but one has been requested

11. IF ITEMS REQUESTED ARE ***CAPITAL EQUIPMENT***, GIVE YOUR VALUATION OF ALL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING REQUESTED ITEMS, WHICH YOU WILL USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE PRODUCT OR IN THE SERVICE NAMED IN BLOCK 7a, $ _____
IF ITEMS REQUESTED ARE FOR REPLACEMENT EXPLAIN (a) RELATION OF THE PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REQUESTED TO THE OLD EQUIPMENT BEING REPLACED, AND (b) WHY OLD EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE REPAIRED.

12. IF ITEMS REQUESTED ARE ***MATERIAL TO BE INCORPORATED IN PRODUCT OR USED IN THE SERVICE*** NAMED IN BLOCK 7a, GIVE TOTAL COST OF ALL MATERIAL TO BE USED IN THIS PRODUCT OR SERVICE FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. $ _____
FILL IN COLUMNS (a), (b), (c) AND (d) BELOW FOR EACH ITEM REQUESTED.

ITEM NO. (FROM BLOCK 8 (a)) (a)	QUANTITY TO BE PUT INTO PRODUCTION TO SUPPORT YOUR CURRENT OR PROJECTED (NEXT 60 DAYS) RATE OF OPERATION (b)	QUANTITY TO BE PUT INTO PRODUCTION TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM ECONOMIC RATE OF OPERATION IN THE PLANT FOR NEXT 60 DAYS (c)	QUANTITY OBTAINABLE FROM INVENTORY (WITHOUT LOWERING BELOW MINIMUM WORKING LEVEL) AND FROM SUPPLIERS WITHOUT RATING (d)

13. IF YOU ARE BASING THIS APPLICATION ON THE FACT THAT FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE ITEMS IN THE QUANTITIES REQUESTED WOULD PREVENT ***YOUR PLANT AS A WHOLE*** FROM BEGINNING OR MAINTAINING OPERATIONS AT THE MINIMUM ECONOMIC RATE AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (f) (1) OF PRIORITIES REGULATION 28, EXPLAIN FULLY. INCLUDE A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PLANT CAN OPERATE AT MINIMUM ECONOMIC RATE WITHOUT MAKING THE PRODUCT IN 7a. No place available to operate.

14. EXPLAIN WHY EACH OF THE REQUESTED ITEMS IS ACTUALLY REQUIRED ON THE DATE AND IN THE QUANTITY SPECIFIED. GIVE ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN SUPPORT OF THIS REQUEST, SUCH AS REASONS WHY SUBSTITUTES CANNOT BE USED. Needed by June 15, 1945 for shipment on annual boat.

15. NAME AT LEAST TWO SUPPLIERS CONTACTED IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EACH OF THE REQUESTED ITEMS. YOU MUST SHOW THE REASONS GIVEN BY EACH SUPPLIER FOR UNSATISFACTORY DELIVERY DATE. Savage Lumber Company, Seattle, Wash.

ITEM NO. (FROM BLOCK 8 (a)) (a)	SUPPLIERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES (b)	PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER(S) AND DATE(S) (c)	DELIVERY DATE OFFERED WITHOUT RATING (d)	SUPPLIER'S SHOP OR MILL ORDER NUMBER(S) *(if known)* (e)	SUPPLIERS' REASONS FOR DELAY IN DELIVERY OR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT YOUR ORDER (f)
	1.				
	2.				
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16. ***FOR VETERANS USE ONLY*** – A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II WHO WAS IN THE ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 16, 1940, AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE AFTER ACTIVE SERVICE OF 90 DAYS OR MORE OR BY REASON OF AN INJURY OR DISABILITY INCURRED IN SERVICE IN LINE OF DUTY MUST GIVE HIS MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER _____, AND DETAILS AS TO HIS POSITION IN THE BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, PARTICIPATION IN PROFITS, AND OTHER PERTINENT FINANCIAL DATA INCLUDING HIS SHARE IN THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY

17. CERTIFICATION – THE UNDERSIGNED AND ANY OFFICIAL EXECUTING THIS CERTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

_____ BY _____
LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT — SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

_____ _____
DATE — TITLE

SECTION 35(A) OF THE UNITED STATES CRIMINAL CODE, 18 U.S.C. SEC. 80, MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO MAKE A WILLFULLY FALSE STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION TO ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AS TO ANY MATTER WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

June 7, 1946

Mr. E. L. Bartlett
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you for your efforts in our behalf in securing the priority for the materials for a new church in Savoonga, Alaska. Since the shipping deadline is just ahead of us it would seem almost impossible to do anything about this now. Our only hope is to get enough cement and lumber for forms so that footings for the new building can be put in this summer and be seasoned during a thaw and freeze for the new building next summer. We are making an effort on this in Seattle now.

Meanwhile, we have heard that there might be available an army building in Nome which could be moved over to Savoonga for the use of the Territorial Guard. We are seeking further information on this in the hope that that building might also be used for school and church purposes during the coming year.

Sometimes we feel rather helpless about doing things for the benefit of our Alaskan communities when they are so far away from us and things which they need are so hard to get.

I presume you have heard of the destruction of Palmer hospital by fire recently. That presents another problem and a great need for the Matanuska Valley.

Kindest personal regards and good wishes.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

CIVILIAN PRODUCTION ADMINISTRATION

~~WAR PRODUCTION BOARD~~

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JUL 25 1946

July 9, 1946

IN REPLY REFER TO:

JUL 24 1946

Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Confirming long distance telephone conversation between R. D. Fitton of this Branch and you today, the enclosed CPA-541-A application, Case No. 55614 covering building materials required for the construction of a church in Savoonga, Alaska, is being closed without action.

It is unfortunate there was not sufficient time before sailing date to secure detailed information as to the exact requirement of materials and equipment required for this project; however, it is hoped that negotiations for the procurement of surplus Army barracks in Alaska will be successful.

If before the next sailing date sufficient information can be furnished to justify the authorization of priority ratings for minimum "bottleneck" requirements of this project, we will be pleased to hear from you and every consideration will be given.

Very truly yours,

John J. Madigan, Director
Government Branch
Inter-Agency Division

CLOSED

Enclosure

JUL 15 1946

July 9, 1946

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

This will refer to several communications and telephone conversations with your office concerning CPA-541-A application Case No. 55614 received from the Board of National Missions, New York City, New York, covering building materials required for the construction of a church in Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. We have today talked over long distance telephone with Mr. Jackman, Secretary for the work in Alaska who advises he had requested additional information from his representatives in the field concerning their needs and to date a reply has not been received. Mr. Jackman advises further that negotiations were under way for the procurement of surplus Army barracks and in view of the fact that the recent ship sailing date could not be met, no further action could be taken on the procurement of building materials required for the construction of a new building until sometime next year.

We have advised him that we would close the present case without action; however, at anytime they had additional information covering requirements an application would be given every consideration.

Attached is copy of our letter addressed to Mr. Jackman concerning this application. Your interest in this matter is appreciated and at any time I can be of service to you, please call on me.

Very truly yours,

John J. Madigan, Director
Government Branch
Inter-Agency Division

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Attachment

E. L. BARTLETT
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

JUL 15 1946

SECRETARY:
MISS MARY LEE COUNCIL

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES:
MRS. MARGERY NEIL
MRS. EDYTHE YARBROUGH

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

July 14, 1946

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of
America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

For enclosure in your files I send you herewith copy of a letter from the Civilian Production Administration.

Incidentally, I suppose you know that the Interior Department Appropriation Bill contained an item for the rebuilding of the Savoonga school. Information has not reached me as to whether the Alaska Native Service contemplates doing anything this year or whether it will be able to.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Bartlett

E. L. Bartlett
Delegate

NOV 25 1945

Passenger Clerk

Lavonne Bell
Fort Bliss

Pvt. Earl Leighton 20
2nd A Work in Quarters
152 Service Grp
Pan Yank P.O.
New York

Dear Lavonne,

Was first number from and I was glad to hear from you and return with the answers. Sent the pictures off under separate cover. Hope you received them all right. Also sent you a few snaps taken on the trip. Will have more from there as soon as I get them. We had a swell time. The last few days of processing we spent in the Pyramids area. Of course I was disappointed that we didn't get to see Cairo, but I guess it was better that we didn't. I'm told that the Pyramids and Sphinx were impressive from the outside and if they should happen to be in Cairo again I would be in full to see them from the inside. Interesting.

I would like you to help me in any way you can in raising funds. Could you write to Boys Town and find out what they require. Then I may be able to get a few of the boys in the town here to help. I'll look for money, and put that money to work. Then we will be ready to help them when I reach home. Also to help you pick your site.

Another thing I think is that we must not let our high ideals down. We should work for more in Virginia.

With the second and 3rd numbers next in order.

The following names have been given to me as a result of things in order they are willing to please them first.

We may need more but would like to secure this kind of courage for comfort every time we should need.

Write soon.

Kingsville Ohio Dec 1st 1913

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Draft for $ 2.00 in payment for Subscription to Ashtabula County Directory.

Yours Truly

Duncan, Reed Wrightsman
Treasurer

Kingsville Ohio.

Anderson	1	Hook work
Bacon		pivot fork & stem
Baker	11	watch hook
Bowman	1	hook work
Bigler		minute & hour pinion
Belanger		hook work
Bell	1	hook work
Bliss	11	main wheel pinion
Bird	11	main wheel pinion
Bird		pivot fork
Bingaman	11	regulator
Bartholomew	1	paper weight
Brown		hour wheel pinion
Brown		paper weight
Bartlett		main wheel pinion & stem
Bradley		Stem pinion & center
Fuller		glass cover
Fuller, Mrs. Minnie	Fuller	Lift & Fork
Bullock	1	hook work
Matthews	11	hook work
Mrs. Albert		hook work
Clement		glass cover
Mrs. Emma Potter	11	Wheel
Mrs. Sager		minute
Sager	11	minute
Magill	11	hook work
Cole	11	stem
Miss Isabelle	1	stem
Mrs. Clarence	11	Wheel

ALASKA
PERM. FILE

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

February 27, 1948

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Don C. Foster
Alaska Native Service
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Foster:

COPY

We are writing to you to express our continued concern over the disruption of community and church life among the Eskimos on St. Lawrence Island, both Jambell and Savoonga. For about fifty years our Church has been carrying on work with the people on the Island. There was a period of time in the early thirties when we did not have a worker there, but when personnel and resources permitted, we renewed a service which has included economic, medical, educational, and a spiritual ministry at various times.

In recent years, there has been harmony in our work among the people until the advent of Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty who came as government teachers. Under the guise of being teachers and looking out for the welfare of the people, they occasionally attended our services but became very progressive of promoting the beliefs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church among the Eskimo people. This resulted in a disturbing influence all through their time on the Island, and has resulted in an aggressive attempt of the Seventh Day Adventist people to come to both villages on the Island and attempt to organize the people into a church and build a building. On one occasion their representative was met on the beach and frankly told they were not wanted, but they insisted in remaining and caused additional trouble. We understand that that religious group is still insisting upon building chapels in both communities.

Not only did the work of the Doughertys disrupt the work of the community so far as church was concerned, but Mr. Dougherty's evident mismanagement of the Native Store has left an economic light upon the whole community and Island. That Store was organized by one of our former missionaries for the benefit of the Eskimos. We understand that when Mr. Dougherty arrived, it had a good cash balance of credit in Juneau but at the time of his departure we are told that the records in Juneau showed a decided deficit. The village has not recovered from the experience yet.

The Presbyterian Church is interested in the welfare of the people in Alaska in a harmonious way. It is our desire to get along with those who may have different religious beliefs than we have, but when other groups come into territory which is allocated to us under the Home Missions Council comity arrangement and aggressively disrupt the community and church life of the people, we feel that a strong protest is in order. We know that government agencies do not have the legal right to inquire into the religious beliefs of any one whom they may employ in school or government service, but we do feel these people should not receive salaries as government employees and then turn out to be missionaries for particular branches of religious beliefs while being supported by government funds. The situation on St. Lawrence Island is strong evidence of what has occurred in other places.

We write this to you because we know it is your desire to have all of our communities in Alaska progress in peace and harmony. We are glad to cooperate with you to that end.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence.

128 E. Clinton St.,
Rushville. Ill.
Oct 10 - 48

OCT 13 1948

Board of National Missions
of Pres. Church of U.S.A.

Dear Sirs -

I have read with the greatest interest the pamphlet on St. Laurence Island. The first literature about this far-away place which I have ever seen or heard of.

As a former resident and Sunday School Supt of this place I am naturally happy to learn of the progress of the

missionary work and the greatly improved economic conditions - modern facilities and increase in population.

Since I was under the Presbyterian church at that time, I wonder if you would be interested in reading a chapter from my unfinished book which I have named "My Story of Over and a Half."

This chapter describes in part my experiences during the latter half of 1913 - and I call

it Chapter 8. "From Christmas to Springtime on St Lawrence Island.

My son - Willis Lee Reed. has the distinction of being the second white child ever born on the Island. and I have ordered me of your pamphlets sent to him.

I intend to write to the present missionaries on the Island - and send my greetings to "Paul Silook" the Christian interpreter - who was a boy of 17 when he interpreted for us.

I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Campbell, and am glad they receive recognition in your literature. Miss Anderson & an assistant followed the Campbells and we took up the work after these two ladies. The illness of our little two year old girl made it necessary for us to leave after one year's work.

Very truly yours

Emma Reed Thompson

(Mrs. J. Arthur)

Alaska File
St. Lawrence Island. Alaska

ALASKA
PERM. FILE

October 19, 1948

Mrs. J. Arthur Thompson
128 E. Clinton St.
Rushville, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of October 10 about your interest in St. Lawrence Island and the service which you rendered at that place. We would be very happy to read your chapter about St.Lawrence Island. We are seeking all of the information out of the past that we can get to give us a better understanding of our work there.

I wonder if you know that Paul Silook was the Elder Commissioner to the last meeting of the General Assembly in Seattle. It was my pleasure to visit with him there. He is a fine Christian character.

During a recent visit to Los Angeles, we discovered that Dr. Campbell has passed away. We were always happy to hear from him about his work in Gambell and we would be glad to hear more of your experiences and concern about the Eskimo people.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Mr. Tribus
FROM Alaska Department
RE: Savoonga, Alaska (St. Lawrence Island)

PERM. FILE

DATE May 20, 1949

The attached copies of letters regarding the building of a Church at Savoonga, Alaska may be the necessary proof needed giving the Board this privilege per the Office of Indian Affairs, Juneau, Alaska. We feel you should have copies of this information in your file too.

FK

Dept. of Work in Alaska
per

COPY (carbon copy in Permanent Files of Alaska Office)

Prattsburg, N.Y.
September 30, 1942

Alaska Indian Service
Mr. Claude M. Hirst, Gen Supt.
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

A copy of Indian Office letter dated May 15, approved May 23 by Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, granting to the Presbyterian Church authority for the temporary use and occupancy of the tract needed for the church site as set out in the plat forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian affairs, has been recdived by me here, after being forwarded from Fairbanks, Alaska my former residence.

Thank you for this letter, which I am sending on to our Board of National Missions, Dr. Everett B. King, Director of Unit of Alaska Work, 156 Fifth Avenue., New York for information and filing. It is probable that the erection of a church building will be undertaken as soon as possible after favorable conditions are again realized.

Yours very truly,

Rev. John E. Youel

Presbyterian Church
in the U.S.A.

copied by F.Koerner 5/20/49

COPY (carbon copy in Alaska Office Permanent Files)

Land Division
Adj.
Y 1703-42

May 15, 1942

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior

My dear Mr. Secretary:

There are transmitted herewith the papers involving the request of Albert Kulowiyi (Esquimaw), Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Savoonga, Alaska, that a tract be set aside for a new Presbyterian Church at Savoonga, Alaska. The request is also signed by certain other individuals interested in the erection of the church.

The town is located on St. Lawrence Island which was set aside as a Reindeer Reserve. The area needed for the church site is shown on the plat included in the attached file. The Presbyterian Church is the only church which has operated in the village. Concurring with the recommendation of the Acting General Superintendent Fred R. Geeslin it is requested that authority be granted the Presbyterian Church for the temporary use and occupancy of the tract needed for the church site as set out on the enclosed plat with the understanding that no right, title, or interest in the land so set apart shall in any way vest in the Presbyterian Church or any of its representatives or in any one else against the United States, other than the right of temporary use and occupany for church purposes.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Walter V. Woehlke
Assistant to the Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

APPROVED, as recommended

(Sgd) Oscar L. Chapman
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure 2219485

copied by F.Koerner 5/20/1949

Note: We do not have a copy of the plat referred to in the above loter or Enclosure 2219485; FK

Mr. Albert Kulowiyi is still an Elder of the Savoonga Church as of this date (5-20-1949)/

COPY (carbon copy in Alaska Office Permanent Files)

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Alaska Indian Service
Juneau, Alaska
June 11, 1942

Mr. Howard M. Cameron
Indian Service Teacher
Savoonga, Alaska

Dear Mr. Cameron:

I am enclosing a copy of Indian Office letter dated May 15, approved May 23 by Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior granting to the Presbyterian Church authority for the temporary use and occupancy of the tract needed for the church site as set out in the plat forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at the time we recommended approval. Please note that this authority is granted to cover the location designated on the plat furnished by Anna Martin, Missionary, Albert Kulowiyi, Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church, Alfred Tamblee, Village Council, and Howard M. Cameron, Teacher, with one exception which is that the church site may not be located closer than 140 feet from the school shed which is directly north of the proposed church site.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the persons noted below in order that they may proceed with the construction of their church accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Claude M. Hirst
General Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Albert Kulowiyi

Rev. John E. Youel
Fairbanks

Note: copied 5/20/49 by F.Koerner; we do not have a copy of the enclosure mentioned above in our office. (F.Koerner)

COPY (rec'd N.Y.Office 2/24/49)

February 17, 1949
Savoonga, St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

Dear Dr. Jackman:

We the elders of the Savoonga Presbyterian Church would like to make the following recommendations concerning the church building:

Floor plans should remain the same as already planned to correspond with installed pilings.

The Board could save money in the future by lowering the ceiling in the church. Would suggest about a ten foot celing. Would recommend even though ceiling is lowered that 2 x 8 ties are retained.

We feel that roof should be left as planned.

Windows and doors should be left according to plan.

Would recommend following for floor insulation: Thick celotex water-proofed to be placed between the floor joists, and then follow plans for flooring.

Would recommend the use of double galvanized iron chimneys. 6"x6"x5' lumber for the cnimneys to rest on. It would take four of these for each chimney. Enough cement should be sent to make three cement blocks to put on top of the wood. Sand is available here.

For heater room would recommend that it be made of lumber as rest of building with fire-proof insulation. Cement would weight too much and also brick to be used in building here.

All nails should be galvanized to prevent rust.

300 feet of lead covered insulated electric wire gage no. 8 to connect church with light plant.

We are anxious to have the church as soon as possible and thank you for your interest and efforts to make this possible. Hoping to see you in the near future face to face, we remain yours in the service of Christ.

(signed) Jimmie Toolie
Albert Kulowiji
Frank Seppilu
Edward Gologergen

When replying to this letter on March 25, 1948 Dr. Jackman commented:

"Thanks for the recommendations from the Elders. We shall keep them and try to follow them when we are able to proceed. It is most helpful to have these suggestions from those who know what should be done. If the Elders think the two buildings could be built the same summer, we are willing yet to proceed but have no orders in so there would need to be much haste. ..."

Savoonga, New Church
file

2/26/47 Cc sent Mr Murray
3/24/47 cc - Mr Howell
" " cc - Mr Murray ag.
3/25/49 - 3 Copies sent
Mr. Kirk

Savoonga Church Plans
February 22, 1947

Sanctuary:

2 Pulpit chairs - simple, oak finish.
Lumber for pulpit and communion table.
Benches instead of pews.
Lumber furnished for substantial seat,
simple board back-rest.

Sunday School Room:

Lumber for:
5 benches same as sanctuary;
4 table tops - 3' x 10';
pipe for 1 set legs 20"; 1 set 30"
4 sets phlanges under tables to screw legs in;
8 " " on floor end of legs.
movable platform at west end of room.
reading desk
supply cupboard in corner.
3 doz. folding chairs - sturdy wood.

Stoves:

1 good size in heat chamber back of pulpit.
1 fair size in rear of sanctuary
1 " " in Sunday School room.
1 " " in apartment living room.
1 kitchen range equipped for hot water connection.
All fuel oil burning.

Oil Supply tanks outside at nearest point for supply. Tanks will consist of 2 drums connected together and to stoves. Drums available from oil shipment. Fittings and valves to be supplied.

Chimneys:

At south end enclosing heat chamber; cinder or cement blocks; other two brick although cinder block would be cheaper.

Gutters: Not light metal as in drawing but wooden ones.

Front Entrance: Frame heavy enough to carry weight of a small bell (200 lbs.) if erected later.

Walls and Ceiling: All celotex except wainscoting up to window in sanctuary and Sunday School Room.

Windows will be built in with three glasses. To cut down cost, plan calls for unframed glass set in with felt cushion and removable stops on two inner panes to facilitate removal for cleaning. In sanctuary and Sunday School room designed to form a cross.

Attic of apartment will be used as a storage room. Provide air register in ceiling of living room.

All lumber, flooring (hemlock), shingles, roofing paper, batting, celotex, etc. from one Company.

Mill work from one Company.

Glass and paint from one Company.
hardware, electrical fixtures of simple design.

Concrete block and concrete.
No sand or gravel needed - need sand screen.

Anchor Bolts made special.

List should include:

All building materials being a little generous rather than skimpy.

Kitchen furnishings: sink, oil range as listed with stoves; 1 galvanized iron 50-100 gallon (square) tank for outlet pipe for storing water (open top and lid); lumber to build cupboards.

Bathroom: chemical toilet, 10 gallon chemical, wash stand, folding bath tub if available, otherwise no tub now.

Living Room: moderate priced flat top desk, magazine rack, end table, floor lamp, study lamp, lumber for book cases, moderate plain davenport and one chair (not overstuffed).

One Bed Room:- simple double bed complete, bureau, 2 chairs, bureau lamp.

One Bedroom: - simple twin beds complete, bureau, 2 chairs, bureau lamp.

Battleship linoleum for kitchen, bathroom, living room, Sunday school room, and hallway.

Paint: - inside apartment:
flat white undercoat
white enamel for woodwork.
4 gallons white; 2 gallons aqua; 2 gallons cream or peach.

outside: cream with light green trim.

2 good used pianos.

electrical wiring and simple fixtures with 2 sets light bulbs.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JJ:fk

For Dr. Jackman

re: Savoonga, new church

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

March 30, 1949

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Arthur A. Kirk
106 No. 73rd Street
Seattle 3, Washington

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Mr. Parker of Gambell has sent in an additional maintenance order which was omitted from his list sent earlier this month. We hasten to send you three copies of the needed supplies.

In checking over our files of correspondence in regard to the new church at Savoonga, we find the enclosed copy of letter received from the Elders of the church expressing their thoughts in the plans for this new church. We pass it along for what it is worth!

Then, too, in a letter received from Dr. Jackman in February 1947 from Seattle he mentioned that the Elliot Bay Mill Company (Mr. Helmer Olson) of Seattle assured him they could supply us with most of the materials for the new church, and would give us a wholesale price. You may already have this information, or have a better contact.

In Miss Green's letter of November 24, 1947 she states that the floor joists, bolts, screws, and iron pieces along with two kegs of nails arrived at Savoonga with the pilings.

Copies of this letter, etc. will be sent to Dr. Jackman so he will be informed of developments. He flies this morning from Fairbanks, where he has been attending the meetings of Yukon Presbytery, to Ketchikan to attend the meetings of Alaska Presbytery through April 4th.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Encs.

CC: Dr. Jackman in Ketchikan.

Savoonga New Ch. Folder

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

May 10, 1949
(per 5/8/49 letter
from Jamestown, N.D.)

VIA AIRMAIL & SPECIAL DELIVERY

The Rev. Arthur A. Kirk
106 No. 73 Street
Seattle 3, Washington

Dear Art:

The estimate of materials and freight is now boiling down to a figure which will give a safe margin for us in the amount of money available. You have indicated the lighterage charge but the people agreed to do this without cost although they came back and asked about charging for the gas necessary for the boats.

I would approve of the suggestion of the lumber company for the use of the standard door jamb for the top window sash and mullion. Use one obscure glass sash for each window in the sanctuary.

The Eskimos are short of stature and a 6' 8" folding door probably is high enough.

Send Miss Green a night letter asking the exact length of wire from the light plant to the church. Did she wire you about the voltage? Take contractor's recommendation on wire.

O.K. on the chimneys and the oil from Ferguson.

I don't know what to say about the roofing. There is quite a difference between the estimates for shingles and aluminum although the aluminum freight cost would be lower. It would be easier to install, should take less upkeep, and ought to be more permanent. If the difference in cost and freight isn't very great, send the aluminum. If the margin continues to be $420. send the shingles.

The balance of the items are checked on the enclosed office copy.

After all our adjustments for Alaska weather Elmer Parker writes that we have paid no attention to weather recommendations and does not want to be responsible for the mistakes of an architect. We shall need to look for a foreman and we may have one.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK
Ehc.: marked office copy of Estimates for new Savoonga Church per the Rev. Mr. Kirk (5/6/1

Dictated by Dr. Jackman through letter from field,
and signed in his absence.

enc. copy of 5/3/49 letter from Kirk
sketch sent by Kirk re door jamb, stool; overdoor sash & glass, etc.

5/8/49 - Rec'd rec't with sketch made by J C J.

COPY - Estimates for New Savoonga Church per The Rev. Arthur A. Kirk

rec'd in N.Y. ofc. May 6, 1949

Lumber, insulation and nails		$ 6880.07 ✓
Mill work		2174.00 ✓
Hardware (included in lumber, etc.)		
Roofing (without ridge) (Aluminum .....$945.00) (Shingles ..... 525.00) ✓ choice		
Electrical equipment including 2 pole 2-way switch for connection with village system (without light globes), 300 feet lead covered wire which is the amount requested by the Elders		325.00 ✓
Light plant, including freight factory to Seattle (1500 W.)		410.00 ✓
Floor coverings		250.00 ✓
Sunday School Room - Accoflor ...$46.50		
Apt. (5 rooms and hall(inlaid linoleum (less 15% no crating charge entire order) $248.64		
4 oil heaters		335.00 ✓
Oil range ($110.00 plus 10% excise tax)		120.00 ✓
Chimneys		138.00 ✓
Plumbing:		
Water tank		30.00 ✓
Lavatory / /		10.00 ✓
Sink		Donated ✓
Chemical toilet		12.00 ✓
Misc., pipes and pails		5.00 ✓
Furniture: Beds (3)		60.00 ✓
Springs (3)		45.00 ✓
Mattresses (3)		100.00 ✓
Desk and chair		55.00 ✓
Lamps (2)		13.00 ✓
Dressers (2)		65.00 ✓
Window shades		24.00 ✓
Kitchen ladder		4.50 ✓
Tarpaulins		45.00 ✓
Medicine cabinet		5.00 ✓
50 folding chairs @ $4.05 (steel)		220.00 ✓
Pulpit furniture: Piano and organ (?) at reasonable cost		
Freight: Building Materials		3860.00 ✓
Other furnishings and equipment		425.00 ✓
Lighterage 40%		1714.00 — 2.
Paint - Exterior:		
Undercoat - 7 gals		35.00
Outside cream -(1 coat 4 gals.....$20.00) (2 coats 7 gals..... 34.00) ✓ choice		
Light green trim - 1 gal Emerald, 1 gal white		10.00
Paint - Interior:		
Enamel undercoat - 2 gals.		7.00
White enamel - (4 hour 4 gals .....$21.60) ✓ (better quality..... 26.00) choice (High gloss paint ... 10.00) (		

How about brushes? turpentine - 83 cents gal. ? putty 5 lbs. 89 cents? ✓
linseed oil, boiled $3.38 gal.? — 2 gals.

(3 gals

3 good 3½ or 4 in paint brushes
2 - 2" brushes for inside
How about something for the floors in Sanctuary.
Dept. of Work in Alaska
May 6, 1949
FT

filler stain; shellac or something?

July 5, 1949

Mr. Walter L. Johnson
Oakledge
Briarcliff Manor, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We have been trying to gather together the list of bills in connection with the provision of materials for the new church at Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. We are not sure that we have everything included but feel that the list is approximately complete.

The plans call for a frame building 30 x 90 feet. In it is a sanctuary with folding doors which open into a Sunday school room which also can be used as a separate room for smaller groups in the week-day program, and an apartment for the missionary which includes two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bath. There will be storage space for the annual order of provisions on the second floor of the apartment.

Since there are no materials on the Island, everything has had to be shipped from the States. Two years ago we sent the piling and floor joists for the foundation and this summer the balance of the materials have gone up on the summer boat.

The architect's fee, the foundation and lumber materials, freight, and partial furnishings seem to total somewhere between $22,000. and $22,500. Two grants were made available from the Board - one for $5000. and one for $7500., so that we will need to call upon your gracious generosity to the extent of $10,000. There are a number of small items which we may not have covered in the list which are yet to be cared for so that the small margin we have indicated will care for these things. Some of these may not be on the ground until next summer.

We have deeply appreciated the willingness of you and Mrs. Johnson to make such a generous gift for the provision of a church in Savoonga for Alice Green who has been carrying on such a heroic ministry for nearly four years. This is the first church in this village, and the people are thrilled with expectation in the prospect. Recently,

Miss Green wrote that they were wandering around the village watching the horizion for the appearance of the boat which would bring them the materials which with the labor of their hands will provide them a House of Worship.

As soon as convenient, we would appreciate your check made payable to the Board of National Missions for $10,000. We shall in turn transmit it to our bank account in Seattle, where our Purchasing Agent is caring for the bills as rapidly as possible.

It is my hope that we may be able to provide a simple but good plaque to be placed on the wall of the sanctuary indicating that the church has been made possible through your gift and funds from the Board of National Missions. If you have any suggestions concerning the wording of the plaque, we shall be happy to receive them. At a later time when the church is under a roof, we expect that the people of Savoonga will make a simple but effective expression of their appreciation to you for your generous gift.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

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JUL 8 1949

14 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

7/8/49 - wrote Wr Jackman; encld. Mss Mendel re securities.

July 7, 1949

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. Jackman:

I have your letter of the 5th instant in regard to the new church to be built on St. Lawrence Island.

Within the next few days Mrs. Johnson and I will send the Board securities valued at about $10,000.00.

Yours sincerely,

Walter L Johnson

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO

FROM DATE

RE:

July 19, 1949 phone inf. from Mrs. Chesnutt that Dr. Locke sent receipt to Mr. Johnson when securities were received; regular receipt not sent - special attention given these matters.

7/20/1949 phone inf. per request from our office from Mrs. Chesnutt that securities were sold and $10,077.17 were realized for Savoonga, New Church. Treasury credited this amount, etc.

Former inf. from Miss Wendel proceeds to be placed in
Current Restricted-
Restricted Expendable Funds
Savoonga, Alaska New Church

Total Dst - 10 077.17
Ch #87636 - 9000.- sent Kirk for
deposit 7/26/49
1,077.17 bal as of Expenses
250.- transf 11/8/49 - FK 3/9/50 per Miss
Ch #97782 11/8/49 FK 827.17 bal

Recorded

August 5, 1949

Mr. Walter L. Johnson
Oakledge
Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are deeply grateful to you and Mrs. Johnson for the gift of the securities to assist in the construction of the new church in Savoonga, Alaska. Our Treasury Department notified us that they were sold for $6,077.17.

We have forwarded a large part of this amount to our Purchasing Agent in Seattle to cover bills which are outstanding. The materials for the new church have arrived in Savoonga, and the people are in the process of completing the structure. The first check-up reveals that one or two items have been overlooked, and we will do our best to forward them during August so that the building can be completed as soon as the people have time for it. We shall keep you informed concerning developments.

We would like to place in the sanctuary of the new building some tangible evidence of the generous gift which you have made. Do you have any suggestion as to the wording of a small plaque which can be put on the wall of the sanctuary where succeeding generations will be reminded that they enjoy the use of the building through your generosity?

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JEJ:kk

Gen'l Sta File
Johnson, Walter L (Boeder)

September 6, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Johnson
14 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Friends:

You will be interested to know that the materials for the new church in Savoonga, Alaska have arrived and that the church is actually under construction.

There are two quotations from the report from Miss Alice Green, our missionary, which are of special interest.

"Work on the church began and has been progressing quite well. It is really a joy to see something started after such a long wait. Just about every child old enough to walk has helped at one time or another hauling the lumber from the beach to the place of construction. We got some pictures of the kids hauling boards bigger than they were which I hope will come out well."

"As I type this letter I am watching the men as they put scalfolding up so they can get the rafters up. The Church has the walls all up and sided now, and twelve rafters are up. It begins to look more and more like a Church. We have had terrible weather for building. I never saw so much rain before at this time of year. When they got to the rafter putting up stage then the wind began to blow to hold that up some. However, the weather is better today and work is going ahead. I will soon have to leave to take coffee out to the workers."

These two quotations will indicate to you something of the fulfilment of their dream and hope for a sanctuary in their village. All of them are filled with joy because of this reality in having a sanctuary and place of gathering for their church program.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Westside Savoonga. New Church

COPY of hand written letter received in office April 27, 1950 with package containing hand carved ivory tusk to be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson (Board members) who contributed $10,000. toward new Savoonga Church.
Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson by Dr. Jackman at Fellowship Dinner of Annual Board Meeting - April 27, 1950)

ALASKA
PERM. FILE

April 9, 1950

Savoonga, Alaska

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Johnson
Oakledge
Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We are grateful so much for your great help toward us here in Savoonga. All the Church members here in Savoonga are very thankful. Very thankful for such great gift like that. We have here this Easter Sunday with Dr. Jackman and Rev. R.R.Armstrong. While we have a chance to send this little letter by Dr. Jackman this evening we are very happy to write and send it by him.

We have send you a little gift which was from all the church members of Savoonga Presbyterian Church. The figures on the piece are hunting scence which the men are pulling a freshly killed walrus up on top the ice in the old time way of pulling. You will notice that the walrus is tied in such a way that the other end of the rop is grooved into the ice that there is no difficulty of pulling a dead walrus that way in the long ago. But we are still using this method of old way of pulling a dead walrus out of the water onto the ice. You will notice that these figures of three men had a canoe and three dogs which is the method of hunting, We are still follows. We hope that you willlike it. We send our very best wishes to you and may the Lord continue to bless you.

Yours very truly,

Savoonga Church

Elders: -

/s/ Frank Seppilu

/s/ Edward Fgolagergen

Dr.J. remarks:

Gift carved by Walter Wongittilin
Savoonga, Alaska

July 25, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnson
Oakledge
Briarcliff Manor, New York

Dear Friends:

We are sending to you a picture of the brass plaque which has been made and will be put on the wall of the sanctuary of the Savoonga Church. This picture was made in our Visual Aids office and is sent to you as another evidence of appreciation for your generous gift.

I secured a color transparency of the new church when on the Island during April but had hoped that we might get another picture in color after the church has finally been completed and fully painted. This remains yet to be done.

The young woman, Miss Eleanor Ruppert, who is serving there during the year of Miss Green's furlough, reports that the people are very proud and appreciative of their new church.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JEJ:AG

February 11, 1957

Mr. Clarence Pungowiyi
Savoonga, Alaska

Dear Clarence:

A note has been forwarded to me stating that you have raised a question whether the Trustees of the Church should be required to do the cleaning of stoves, filling oil tanks, getting water, and taking care of the Church and the Manse. This is a reasonable question to raise and deserves an answer. In our churches in the States it is the practice of the people and the officers of the church to do all of the work themselves on their church building or else pay someone to do it. If the congregation is small and they do not have enough money to pay someone, then the people divide up the responsibilities for this and take turns seeing that it is done right. If the people are busy at work and have enough money to give to pay someone else to do it, they usually follow that procedure. The work has to be done, and the people have the choice of doing it themselves or paying someone to do it. In these churches they not only give to take care of their own responsibilities for their own churches, but also give that we may be able to send missionaries to other places where the people are not numerous enough or do not have the funds to take care of the full support of their Christian church leadership. Many of our mission stations do not have sufficient money to give to pay someone to do this, therefore, we ask them to take care of as much of this responsibility themselves as they can. This is really a voluntary contribution to keep the work going and to keep the House of God clean and in order for the people of the congregation. We feel that the people of the congregation ought to be responsible for this or else give the money to have it done. If they do not have the money to give to have it done and pay the missionary, too, then they ought to take care of the work cheerfully as a part of their contribution. The Trustees of the church are responsible for seeing that this is done or doing it themselves in turns. We hope this will be done in your congregation with good spirit as a service unto the Lord through the Church.

Some time ago we had correspondence regarding your purchasing some of the dishes in the Savoonga Church which were not being used. We understand that these dishes were released to you upon the agreement that you were to send me two ten dollar kayaks. We hope you will have an opportunity to take care of this in the near future.

Best regards to all of you and blessings upon you in the work of the Lord in your community.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:km

cc: The Rev. Brian Cleworth
The Rev. Lowell Campbell

Clarence Pungowiyi wants to know definitely before he leaves tonight. [illegible] 1957

Working in and around the manse, such as: Cleaning stoves, filling oil tanks, getting water, etc.

Are the Church Trustees to look after all this like they do to the Church & S. School? Or, is the missionary in charge suppose to pay the worker? In Savoonga, Miss Avery waits on the Trustees to take care of the manse work. Trustees are not too willing to work any longer.
Reason: Every drop of water they use from Avery's tank, (cleaning, etc. in the Church), they must return to the last drop they have used.
Clarence P. isleaving 9:00 p.m.

[illegible] OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
[illegible] PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Earl:

Lowell Campbell sent this to me. I hesitate to answer it not knowing what has been your thinking on it and counsell in the past. Possibly you can answer this.

Brian.

Apparently Clarence P. handed it to Lowell on his bi-weekly visit for the mail for Savoonga.

VardyCommunity
Greenville, Tennessee
January 7, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Dept. of Work in Alaska
Presbyterian National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

1/13/59 Ck. all misc. SIC a/c re Savoonga a/c pending balancing of 1958 Seattle books (K)

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Thank you for the check and consideration given. Enclosed is a check for food for $4.30.

Looking back over the expense items I see I must have sounded confusing as I stated that the plane fare was 18470
PNA Anchorage to N.Y.C.
Underneath than I subtracted the difference of $1.50 from Minnesotat to N.Y.C. I tried to get this figured out in Anchorage before I left. The man was most helpful at the PNA desk and the $2150 was the difference between Minn. and N.Y. I was trying to explain the total of $252.50 on the receipt for the ticket. This was only on coast-tocoast rates.

I know Miss Koerner is too too busy. The Brick Church will pay for candle holders of brass to match the Westminster Book store 15 inch brass cross with IHS on it in Savoonga. We felt the candle holders should be small for the table is small. The ones in Westminster catalog are too high and large. They probably should be holders instead of sticks.
Could someone possibly purchase the candle holders to match the brass in the cross and send them to Savoonga-billing the Brick Church via the Parish House--Mrs. John McIlvaine? 1919 92nd st. N.Y.C.
She wanted me to go to Morehouse Goreham and get them. Somehow I stayed too long in 156 Fifth Avenue to get it accomplished.

I met a boy in Knoxville, a senior in Berea College, who was a bellhop in the McKinley Park Hotel last summer. I wish I'd know they had Berea students there the day I visited there. Troy's family is from Vardy originally. He will return to Anchorage next summer on some construction work.

Thank you again for all your work on these expense items.

Sincerely,

Louise Terry

Order SB191 7" in candlesticks.
send direct to Savoonga Presby ch
c/o clerk of session
Savoonga
send bill to Mrs McIlvaine.
W.A. will pay

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE U.S.A.
JUNEAU, ALASKA

MAR 3 1958

Savoonga file.

March 1, 1958

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Miss Louise Avery
Presbyterian Mission
Savoonga, Alaska

Dear Louise,

I have just returned from a 4 weeks trip to the states and find my desk cluttered with stacks of mail. It's almost as bad as Dr. Jackman's- heaven forbid! I hasten to get a letter off to you for the mail plane next Thursday.

First of all, I have followed your correspondence with Dr. Jackman about your future plans. Now that you have definitely decided not to return to Savoonga after furlough, I want to be one of the first to express my appreciation for the consecrated service you have given to this field. On my recent promotional trip when I showed the pictures of Savoonga (which I took on my visit) I always showed a picture of you standing in the doorway of the church and spoke of the qualities of Christian love and compassion necessary for one in a place like Savoonga and in particular of your service.

Regarding your note concerning the money the trustees have as a result of selling some of the unused materials that are in the attic. Again I will state what I said before, in person to the trustees, and ask that you convey this to them. I'll be glad to write a separate letter if you think it necessary. I authorized the trustees to sell any of the surplus materials in the attic that are of no use to the mission-materials left over that there is little likelihood of ever using. They were to ascertain what the value of the items is and sell them. The money is to be used by the Board of Trustees to purchase other items of building material or equipment for the church property only. The oil or gas pump you purchased recently would certainly be considered a piece of equipment for the church property and I would suggest that it be paid for out of funds realized from the sale of materials.

Having seen some of the problems revolving around borrowing of supplies of the mission by the villagers, I would agree with what you say that we should not allow any borrowing except in the case of emergencies. How hard and fast this policy is to be must be left to the missionary on the field to decide. There may be times that it will be for the best interests of the work and the people to let them borrow. Again, another time you will not want to make a loan on any condition. Therefore, the missionary should set the specific policy, generally remembering that our mission supplies are limited and we only provide

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enough for the annual need of the mission station.

I have not heard whether you will be at the spring meeting of Yukon Presbytery in Palmer or not. I understand the French's are planning to be present. It would be something if both of our workers from St. Lawrence Island were present for a spring meeting!

My greetings to your elders and officers. I trust that you were able to have Bert Kutan with you for a preaching mission while he was on the island. I have not heard anything of his trip so far, except that he was going.

Sincerely,

BHC

Brian H. Cleworth

cc Dr. J. Earl Jackman ✓

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REPORT of LOUISE AVERY TO PRESBYTERY APRIL 1953

In the four winters in Savoonga I have increasingly learned to appreciate the worth of our Eskimos in this village to Alaska, our nation, but most of all to the Kingdom of our Lord. Besides what the missionary sees there must be much worth our Lord sees.

There are those who try to discount the Christian experience of our people because they still have much to learn and are rather close to the old pre-Christian culture. As in all places many try to live according to the light they have; others do not try; others are groping towards the Light. Certainly it is for us to provide resources and means with the help of the Heavenly Father that they may find the Light.

No one who knows Albert could discount his sincerity in his Christian conviction. His is a real love and concern for the work of the King in any of the following ways or in others: praying and reading the Bible with one who has asked for Christian counsel; offering his help to bring harmony and understanding in some problem in the church; fixing an unfixable oil pump to "save the Board's money"; doing jobs it is obvious noone else will do; teaching classes; worrying about stoves so the church won't burn up; assuming responsibility to see that the long discussed subject of the roof is solved; showing concern over problems of the village; Christian concern for the Church's Outreach; showing appreciation for the gifts of the Outreach of others-hence the gift of the gavel - "They do so much for us-we must do something for them sometimes."

Albert is only one of several consecrated Christians here. The folks have creativity, ability to plan and execute the plans, a great sense of responsibility, determination to get work done once there is a mind set in that direction. NOT ONE NECESSARY JOB HAS GONE UNDONE DURING MY TERM! Often I have held my breath wondering about the outcome of a project but sooner or later the officers and responsible members execute plans.
They have great potentiality in caring for their own church if they just had the educational qualifications needed. The word <u>futility</u> does not seem to be in their make-up.

There is an interesting list of <u>Firsts</u> for Savoonga for this year:
First girl out to school; First high school graduate; First weekly church offerings; First rotation of church officers; First weekly movies in the village (not necessarily edifying.)
We also completed our sanctuary center -backgr und hang ng,cross,felt accessories with the gifts of friends.

Among the high points for the year were the visit of Bert Hutan to bring the Gospel in so many ways: music, preaching, calling, his own friendly Christian personality. The services of that week left a lasting influence of the work of the Holy Spirit. Evidently the time was right for the series of messages.

The missionary wants to extend her thanks to Alaskan workers for the fellowship in Christ offered during her term. She is especially grateful for the help from the office of Brian Clewerth -for his remarkable ability to answer correspondence about problems worrying the missionary.
It would seem impossible to have two such helpful Moderators for the Savoonga session in succession as Lowell Campbell and Arthur French have been.

"The Lord is good to all;
His tender mercies are over all His works."

see note on bottom
and page re Savoonga equipment!

Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island
Alaska
April 15, 195[illegible]

Dear Alice:

Edward came in today with news which disturbed me very much. Before I begin let me say I can see my own guilt in the past in advertently making comments as a predecessor to people from a field I had officially left.

The question has arisen about the ownership and use of the movie projector. I naturally thought any property here belonged to Savoonga Church and as such was under care of the church officers. I should have written you I guess but this new problem which has arisen since the weekly Hollywood village movies.
I assumed the money for the projector, etc. was from gifts to the work or from the elders fund.

The teacher first tipped me off that the problem would arise when he commented that the government projector was in bad shape, was not made for heavy use of running four hours or more at a stretch, and would probably not be replaced when gone by the government just for village movies.

To forestall future difficulties I suggested to the elders that they decided whether or not the village could use the projector at the church and if so how often, etc. They met without me and DECIDED IT WOULD NOT BE USED BY THE VILLAGE AT ALL!

The question arose soon afterwards when the village wanted it for use in the middle of the week after the teacher refused the use of school. Some boy said he had asked John W. and elder who said it was o.k. I had to tell him NO. I marched to see John and asked why he had not "told that kid No!." He had never been seen about it.

Fall came. One Saturday the belt broke on the school projector. They came to borrow the church projector. I called Albert over. I talked him into letting them have it this once and give them time to wire Anchorage for a belt-- but that next Saturday the church projector would not be available.

Sure enough -next Saturday-no belt. They came for the projector. The other elders were cross with Edward for "he knew the church projector was not to go out." (Edward is the only elder who seems to lose his mind over anything that wiggles on a screen.) The village gave me some dirty looks all week-end. The belt was fixed for Monday night. It would never have been fixed if they could borrow the church's projector.

At the next session meeting we concocted the following and sent it to the scout committee:

"We recommend that the church movie projector be made available to the village for movies on the average of once every three months in emergencies. A member of the scout committee or church officer is to come and get it and return it. The following are recommended to run the machine: Tim, Edward, John, Merric."

All ye r the teacher and I have warned the scout committee th t they must make plans or projector as of the date the te cher will be gone from here. They accepted that and went into Pictures Incorporated in Anchorage while in National Guard camp to see about one. They know the price and what is available. The council and the scouts together have en ugh money--so report to the teacher. Oh, they would have been angry with me for a day or two when the teacher left and they would make the inevitable good old try to get the church projector. Then they would order one from Anchorage and the problem would be settled. Now--here is the fly in the ointment. John Kulowiyi is both a scout committee member and a council member. It seems he told you of the problem and you gave him information which caused him to return and tell everyone there was no need to get another projector for "The church projector belongs to Alice Green who paid for it personally and left it as a gift for the church and the village. That includes the slide-projector and the record-player too."

You can see where this puts the church officers and me after thinking th problem was licked. I thought to ignore the question but reconsidered. If your personal state went into the item I would think you had a moral righ to make a suggestion. Whereas they would have ordered the projector, now I fear they will not and will be without a projector for awhile.

After seeing the horrible unChristian shorts that came with the one movi I saw I cringe over the use of church property to encourage more of same. My only counter suggestion is that if the projector of the church must be used for Hollywood movies weekly--then let the elders fund have the profits for they have nothing in their treasury at present.

I fail to see where we will get expensive equipment like this again when it is worn out---considering stateside difficulties, present prices. With moose here this summer to hold the folks down they will probably have movies every night and wear out a projector quickly. I think church equipmen should only be used for wholesome activities and I am not convinced that the general run of movies are in that class.

So--if the projector is yours personally and you wish its use to be unlimited for church and village, then so indicate. If it is church propert then the church officers have final decisions over it.

Gambell has three projectors.

Silence on your part to this letter will indicate that the decision of the church officers will stand.

Sincerely,

Louise Avery

1951 - Ampro Stylist - gift of New England Synod
1950 - 516 Instructional projector - followed by Bronco
1952 - Raven Sentinel

* Use Equipment Inventory
Alice Green 12/14/53
P.L. 4/22/58

cc to Dr. Jackman
Brian Cleverth

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Savoonga
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May 19, 1958

The Session of the Presbyterian Church
Savoonga, Alaska

Dear Brethern:

We have had an inquiry from Miss Avery concerning the ownership and use of the motion picture projector which is in the church in Savoonga. We understand that you have a problem concerning it's use there, and the question has been raised whether it should be used only in the church program, or should be used freely by the village itself.

According to the records which we have here in the office, which were made out by Miss Green, the motion picture projector was a gift of New England Synod for use in the program of the church. The transparency projector and the screen were purchased by the Board of National Missions from funds which were given particularly for the church. If this equipment were used constantly by the village, it would soon wear out, and then we would not have it for the use of the program of the church. Therefore, it would be our decision that it be used only in the program of the church under normal circumstances. However, if there is an emergency breakdown of the school or village equipment while in use, then the church's equipment might be used but certainly not more than once every three months.

In some villages in the past, the church was not able to borrow the village or school equipment for visual aids in the church program and it became necessary for us to have our own equipment. We feel that the church is in each village to be of service in Christian activities, and often some of the things which are used in the movies under other auspices, are things which we could not sponsor or approve in the church. Since it became necessary for us to secure this equipment for the church, we feel it ought to be used there normally and used away from the church only in emergency circumstances as described above. We would support the session in making a decision to this end.

Kindest personal greetings, and best wishes to each one of you on the session.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EW
CC : The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth
Miss Louise Avery

Savonga Ch
Avery

May 19, 1958

The Session of the Presbyterian Church
Savoonga, Alaska

Dear Brethern:

Frequently the problem arises about borrowing oil and other supplies from the church when there is a shortage in the village. It seems necessary for us to present to the session for your approval and action when such questions are presented to you.

The church and missionary worker are in Savoonga as representatives of the Presbyterian Church, and therefor the service of the people. In order to assure the worker and the congregation that their are sufficient supplies and fuel, the Board of National Missions asks the local congregation to give as the Lord has blessed them, seeking to use the Biblical principle of 1/10 of their income, to make a contribution toward the cost of having a church, a missionary work, and a building in which to have their Christian meetings of all kinds. We know that there are not enough people in the village who have enough resources to pay all of this cost themselves, so your fellow Presbyterians across the nation, are giving gifts to the church so that the Board of National Missions can supplement what the local people can do, and have this Christian Ministry in the community. Our Board takes the responsibility of providing the mission worker and the supplies to carry on the work. Since the local people get the benefit of this, we feel the Session should take the responsibility for wise and careful use of supplies and fuel, and the trustees take the responsibility for the care and operation of the building for the greatest use of the people in the development of our Christian ministry in the community. We feel that the oil which is shipped by the Board of National Missions should be used only for the church and manse in the church building.

However, we recognize that there are occasional emergencies in the community when for some special reason the local supply would not be sufficient to save people from exposure to extreme low temperatures. If such emergencies come, then the church ought to be in the position of sharing for Christian service with those concerned, and the amount which is loaned should be returned to the church at the earliest possible time. However, if local leaders and managers plan carefully in advance, there should be sufficient amount of fuel available in the village for normal use plus a reserve to care for emergencies. If this is done as a regular procedure, there should be no occasion for the village to need to borrow from the church supply.

This letter is not to say that no oil from the church supply can be loaned for

essential use in the village in case of an emergency, but rather to urge those responsible in the village to order a sufficient supply for normal use plus emergencies, so that it will not be necessary to borrow from the church supply. We would ask the session to be responsible for interpreting this attitude and action to anyone one in the village who would seek to borrow from the church supply.

We send this message to you expressing our confidence that the Elders will take full responsibility in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EM
Cc: The Rev. Brian M. Cleworth
Miss Louise Avery

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
Dept. of Work in Alaska

INVENTORY OF MANSE FURNITURE

Per Louise Avery

CHURCH Savoonga YEAR 1958

ROOM	ARTICLE OF FURNITURE	WHEN PURCHASED	COST	PURCHASED BY	PRESENT CONDITION	VALUE
Kitchen	oil range	Fall-1957		Board	Very good	
	Galvanized tank	June 1949	$23.00	"	Good	$15.00
	Drum tank -water				Good	
	Kitchen sink	1950	48.95	"	Good	45.00
	Stool	June 1949	5.45	"	Fair	3.00
	Stool		4.89	"	Good	4.00
	Washing machine	June 1952	119.96	"	Good	100.00
	Table -4 chairs	Fall 1952	76.51	"	Good	70.00
	Servel Refrigerator	Fall 1953	400.00	"	Good	300.00
	2 teakettles	June 1949	7.48	"	Good	6.00
	5 galvanized buckets	1955	3.35	"	Fair	2.50
	4 aluminum dish pans		3.98		3-Good;1-Fair	
	3 enamel dish pans				1-good;1-fair	
	Wash board			Avery	Fair	.50
	Wash board		.75	Board	Good	.50
	garbage pail	June 1949	2.20	"	Fair	1.50
	garbage pail	Fall 1957	4.17	"	Good	4.00
	Washing and iron Equip.	1951	29.26	"	Good	25.00
	Tub - 2	1956	4.00	"	Good	3.00
	6 stove irons, two handles	'56 & '57	3.50	"	Good	3.50
	Ironing Bd. -total of 2	'56	4.95	"	Good	4.00
	3 ironing Bd. pad and cov.		6.16	"	Good-Fair	5.00
	1 ladder		5.55	"	Good	5.00
	1 ice-cream freezer	'57	22.97	"	New	22.97
	1 ice-cream freezer				Fair	11.00
	1 500 watt iron				Fair	
	1 Kenmore iron					
	1 Steamomatic steam iron			Avery		8.00
	4 flower boxes in windows	'57	12.00	Avery	Good	12.00
	2 ferneries	'57	25.00	Board	New	25.00
	including galvn. pans			Avery		

Baroonga Inventory Ole Lavery

Room	Article	When	Price	By	Condition	Value
Kitchen	Cooking Utensils '45-'51 Including list Below		$89.97	Bd-Green	Good	$75.00

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1 cast iron frying pan-big
1 4-qt. pressure cooker
1-alum. fry pan with lid
1 set mixing bowls-crockery
1 qt. measure
1 cup measure
1 double boiler-enamel
4 assorted size sauce pans
1 flour sifter
1 angel cake pan
1 cake saver-
canister set-enamel-4
1 bread box
1 grease can, salt and pepper

Set of melmack dishes--6-complete		$85.00 plus	Avery Board	Good	85.00
wedding cake pan set					
3-asst. size coffee pots-aluminum					
2-big coffee pots in attic					
Silverware for eight	Fall'45	56.00	Board	Good	50.00
Extra spoons	'46	10.00	Board	Good	8.00
4 cooky sheets		4.37	Board	Good	4.00
Square cake pan			Avery		
four layer cake pans					
rolling pin					
bread board					
muffin tins-doz. parts					
3 alum. pie pans					
2 enamel plates					
2 china plates					
ladle		.82	Board	Good	.82
egg beater					
1 new can opener					
1 can opener on wall					
potatoe masher					
small meat saw					
1 good bread knife					
1 good heavy meat cleaver					
two medium knives-to large					
1 medium good sharp knife					
good knife sharpener					
4 ineffective paring knives					
apple corer					
one good ice pick					
ice-cream scoop					
Asst. lids for pans					
fly swatter					
grinder					
small Kenmore mixer					
2 black glass candle holders					
1 good grater		.55	Board	Good	.35
1 antique china covered bowl		glass cream pitcher			
oblong cake pan-pyrex		3 plastic covered containers			
1 alum. bread pan		8-1- sherberts $1.94			
1 pyrex bread pan		outdoor thermometer			
1 covered pyrex bowl		knife holder			

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	ARTICLE OF FURNITURE	WHEN PURCHSD.	COST	PURCHS. BY	PRESENT CONDITION	VALUE
ng-Room						
	Davenport & Chair Spring	'45	175.	Bd.	Good	$ 75.00
	Platform Rocker	'45	50.	"	"	25.00
	Walnut Chair	'49	5.00	"	Fair	3.50
	2-N.W. chairs	'49	5.00	"	Fair	3.50
	Desk	'49	35.00	"	Fair	25.00
	Typewriter	'56	156.50	"	Good	150.00
	Mimeograph	'56			Good	
	2 bookcases	'52	28.45	Gr.	Good	25.00
	2 lamps	'49	12.78	Bd.	Good	10.00
	Zenith Radio	'54	Traded		Good	85.00
	Oil Heater	'49	71.50	"	Fair	50.--
	Double bracket steel curtain rods -1 in bedroom closet door, all in S.S. room	'58			Good	
	4 pillows, slip covers					
	2 metal flower boxes	'57	$5.74	Bd.	Good	5.74
Bedroom	1 Simmons 4/6	'49	11.50	"	"	11.50
	1 Simmons coil spring	'49	12.00	"	"	12.00
	1 mattress	'49	30.00	"	"	25.00
	1 vanity, chest, mirror	'49	64.00	"	"	50.00
	1 bedside table	'51	8.29	Green	"	8.00
	sewing-machine	'56		Avery	"	50.00
	thinning shears	'57	3.95	Avery	"	3.95
h	chemical toilet (in attic) new bucket	'49	12.75	Bd.	Rusty,	1.00
	3 combinets		5.56	Bd.	Fair and Good	5.00
	medicine chest	'49	5.95	Bd.	Good	4.50
	hamper	'52	10.79	"	Good	9.00
Bedrooms	2 Simmons beds	'49	23.00	"	"	20.00
	2 Simmons coil springs	'49	24.00	"	"	40.00
	2 mattresses	'49	60.00	"	"	55.00
	Sleeping bag	'56	57.60	Avery	Good	57.60
	pump for air mattress	'56	3.49	Bd.	Good	3.49
	doz. large spools white thread	'57	5.96	"	Good	5.96
	3 pillows-one missing		36.00	"	Good	27.00
	pitch pipe		2.50		Good	
	3 Coleman lanterns	'56	50.00	"	Good	35.00
	1 Coleman lantern	'49	8.00	"	Good	8.00
	Stove boards under all stoves of church					

ARTICLE XX

Savoonga Inventory per L. Avery JUL 28 1958

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box rock wool
partial roll asbestos
1 bnd. fillers for pipes
2 sets window frames-plus 2 broken window frames plus one not use
1 bnd. corner boards

5-2x6 boards
5' of 2x8x1
10' of 2x1x1
2-4x8 firtex
2 bndl. siding

22-8 inch stovepipes
1-5 in. stovepipe
7- 10 in. stovp.
2-8 in. top pipes
3-6 in. hook ended pipes
2-10 in. hook ended pipes
1-6 in. stove pipe-old
3-12 in. pipe
2-T-elbow--6 inches
4-elbow 6 inch.
18- 6 inch stovepipes

14 to 18 pipe table legs
2 long pipes
2 footlights
2 candleabra-seven branch
8 little candle holders-oak
8-wood candle holders for 3 candles

1 glass 28x34

3 waxers
2 mops
mop bucket
2 paint rollers and pan
1 rake -$2.66

4 door knobs
2-13 inch fire pots and rings-double sets rings
2-10 inch fire pots and rings--for sale

15 lb. screws--2 inch.
7 pkg. steel wool
4 doz. sandpaper
80 lb. asst. nails
30 lb. finishing nails
3 pkg. roofing nails
30 lb. 8 penny finishing nails
50 lb. 4 penny nails
20 lb. 10 penny nails
1 keg 6 penny-40 lb.
1 keg 80 lb. 8 penny
1 full keg of 100 lb. 8 penny.

1 loudspeaker
28- 100 watt bulbs
4- 40 watt bulbs
55- 60 watt bulbs

part roll weatherstripping .8
wire brush .7
15 cabinet hinges
3 small hinges
1-door hinges 1.03
3-slide bolts 1.69
2-good padlocks-keys
1 lock faucet
1 plain faucet
2-wee padlocks
2-door hooks and 14 asst. hool

4 carburetor
4 draft controls
Sponge replacement-- 1.49
4 gal. pine oil
box cheesecloth- 1.79
1-5 gal. Kohler tank
6 ft. brown new linoleum
Part roll plastic for window
2 big tarp
1 small tarp 2.95
2 wash basins
1 roll friction tape
2 roll fabric tape
about two dozen roller casters

1000 small envelopes
4 reams mimeo paper
3 reams duplicat. paper
1 ream good bond paper
250 big envelopes
10- 3 inch vent pipes

Saroonaga Inventory for Boston Avenue

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ROOM	ARTICLE OF FURNITURE	TIME PURCHASED	COST	PCHSD. BY	COND.	
Kohler Rm.	Kohler plant	May 27, '49	$300.00	Bd.	Fair	
	2 snow shovels	May '50	3.35	"	Good	3.00
	1 hand gal. pump	June '51	26.70	"	Good	20.00
	1 shovel	June '51	2.20	"	Fair	2.00
	4 five-gal. cans	July '52	9.50	"	Good	8.00
	1-3 gal. can					
	2-1 gal. cans		1.30	"	Good	1.30
	1-big funnel-galvan.	June '52	.90	"	Good	.75
	2-med. funnels	'55	1.90	"	Good	
	1-wee funnel					
	1 funnel for lamps					
	2 saws, square, plane	July '52	36.03	"	Fair	30.00
	1 barrel pump	'53	4.15	"	Good	4.00
	1 barrel pump	'57			New	
	5 old paint brushes	June '49	25.19	"	Fair	10.00
	6 new big brushes					
	5 asst. size brushes -good					
	6 asst. size brushes-cheap					
	Monkey wrench	June '50	4.00	Green	Good	3.00
	Wrenches-screw Driv.-5	'52	5.17	"	Good	4.50
	1-key-hold saw		1.18			
	1 big pipe wrench					
	6-pc. comb. wrench set					
	1 hacksaw-new -25 blades		1.75			
	1 vise		32.95			
	Blades		2.79			
	2 plier					
	1 plier		.98			
	1 small wrench					
	6-pc. auger bits					
	1 hand drill					
	1 valve lifter		.85			
	1 six inch tin snips		1.59			
	6-3 corner files					
	4-bit stock drill set		2.97			
	1 marking gauge		.43			
	1 hand axe-broken handle				Fair	
	1 hatchet -					
	1-carpenter hammer-big					
	1- carpenter hammer-small					
	1-tack hammer					
	1-steel hammer-		3.38			
	1 mallet hammer-small-broken					
	1 kerosene heater	'57	18.95	Bd.	New	18.95
	Linoleum for floors (cracks in kitchen one)	'49	264.18	Bd.	Good	200.00
	3 refrigerator wicks and 1 chimney					
	26 mantles 72 in attic also					
	1 lamp wrench					
	25 generators					
	2 large wooden flower boxes					

Saratoga Inventory per L. Avery JUL 2 8 1958

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Electrical Supplies

Outside wire to hook up to other light plants--already strung to John K.
And More is upstairs--nearly 200 feet.

Two other kinds of wire
31 Fustat adapter fuses
5 outlet receptacle with chain switch
14 plates-duplex
2-way plates-tumbler switch
1-way plate tumbler switch
7-flush tumbler switch
10-duplex convenience outlet
22-beveled corner box
13-octagon box with clamps
2-conduit fitting and 23 end fitting clamps.

Savonga Inventory per L. Avery JUL 28 1958

PAINT ROOM

took nine gallons to paint church one coat July 1956

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4 gallon Wax in can- should reorder
1 gallon Bruce cleaner and wax.
4 qt. wood filler
2 can window putty
3/4 gal. paint thinner
4 gallon creosote
1½ qt. shellac
1¼ qt. stain
2¼ gal. linoleum paste
1 gal. anti-freeze.
2 gal. linseed oil
3 cans metal cement
5 gal. caulking compound
1 gal. flashing compound
1½ qt. Fuller white paint
30 gal. application cement
8 gallon varnish
2-3 gallon enamel undercoat
11 gal. ivory house paint
1 gal. aluminum paint plus about 2 qt.
2 gallon floor and deck enamel plus 2 qt. gray paint.
5 gallon white enamel plus some Walter brought to paint door-hard finish
3 gal. plastic finish for kitchen linoleum, etc.--not U. S. room
8 pt. brown paint for stoves
1 qt. black paint for stoves-pipes
17 lb. rope in two sizes to fix roof
1½ qt. wood and metal sash compound
Part of quart of waterproof cement
Pint heavy duty plastic finish
Ptl expensive alum. paint.

53 rolls roofing-3 in attic and rest in gas shed.

H. MARTIN - KULOWIJI OF SAVOONGA

SEP 19 1958

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September 17, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

Thank you for your letter of September 12. I am so glad you wrote me about the name and address of a donor of my ivory gavel. I prize this very highly and appreciate very much the honor that is conveyed with the gavel. I shall be writing Elder Albert Kulowiji of Savoonga, Alaska. I have a slide with his picture that I think you may have given us. Thank you again for writing me.

Very best wishes to you and your good wife. We will never forget our fine association with you during this past year and before.

Cordially,

Harold

Harold R. Martin

I think I wrote Albert Kulowiji
then one of the men, but this will
make it sure.